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Yorkshire ripper brought to court

LEEDS, Jan. 6 (AFP) — The county of Yorkshire was celebrating the lifting of a cloud of fear last night, following the arrest of the supposed ripper mass murderer. Pubs in the towns of Leeds, Bradford, and the surrounding area where 13 women were murdered and mutilated in five years were alive with comment on Monday's court appearance of truck driver Peter Sutcliffe, accused of killing student Jacqueline Hill, supposed last of the ripper's victims.

Women who had kept indoors since Jacqueline's death some seven weeks ago were seen out in the streets again, and appeared relaxed and cheerful. Popular relief was mingled with the desire for revenge, as shown by the angry crowd of hundreds outside the court as Sutcliffe, 35 from Bradford, was brought by police with his head covered with a blanket to the court at Dewsbury near here.

The crowd fought to get at Sutcliffe, and there were cries of "hang him." (The death penalty has been abolished in Britain and life imprisonment is now the maximum sentence possible).

Meanwhile, Sutcliffe's friends and relatives proclaimed their disbelief that he could be the ripper. His wife Sonia was still under police protection for fear of reprisals but her mother, Maria Szurma, told a friend: "I will never accept it." Sonia herself was even reported to have told a neighbor that on a recent visit to Leeds her husband had told her he was afraid of the ripper. His boss described him as a good worker and added: "he appears to be a very deep, sensitive person. Other friends described Sutcliffe, picked up by a uniformed police patrolman who spotted the false number plates on his car in Sheffield.



BORDER MEETING : U.S. President-elect Ronald Reagan and Mexico President Jose Lopez-Portillo shake hands on the Cordova Bridge linking El Paso and Juarez, Mexico

To promote cooperation

Reagan, Portillo meet

MEXICO, Jan. 6 (Agencies) — Monday's meeting here between U.S. President-elect Ronald Reagan and Mexican President Jose Lopez-Portillo, held in what a joint statement termed an atmosphere of friendship and respect, showed Reagan's eagerness to cement relations and alliances throughout the American continent, observers said.

The joint statement said the two men "agreed to develop bilateral mechanisms in order to make the cooperative relationship between both countries productive and beneficial." It was later indicated that the two had made tentative plans to meet again within the next six months. To accentuate the symbolic character of the encounter, Reagan and Lopez-Portillo met at the middle of the area,

which links the U.S. and Mexico over the Rio Grande.

The handshake between the two men was cordial, but Lopez-Portillo did not give the future U.S. president the "abrazo" (hug) that is a traditional sign of warmth and respect in Latin America. Their hour-long meeting took place in a room in this city's art and history museum. In recent days, the Mexican President has not hidden his apprehension at the possibility of a return by the U.S. to a policy of gun-boast diplomacy in Latin America, notably in countries where Marxism has secured a foothold, such as El Salvador, Nicaragua and Guana.

Reagan, at the recommendation of his advisers, has decided to expedite aid to countries whose political tendencies are palatable to his administration, without taking into consideration, as President Carter did, those countries' human rights records.

Reagan was accompanied to the meeting by top foreign and domestic policy advisers.

Though the Mexican president was the first head of state to meet President Carter, Mexican-American relations under the Carter administration developed serious disagreements over supply of Mexican gas to the United States, illegal immigration by Mexicans and territorial disputes over fishing waters.

In the close-door talks Monday, Reagan may have intended to side-step these delicate issues. Texas Governor William Clements, who sat in on the meeting, said it was intended principally to lay the groundwork for a future agenda. A Reagan adviser later said that Reagan told the Mexican President that Mexico and the United States had spent too much time in the past talking about each other and not enough time talking to each other. He quoted Lopez-Portillo as responding, "Magnificent."

Reagan aides said later the two leaders would meet periodically in U.S.-Mexican border towns to discuss the many topics that had created friction between the two countries. Foreign policy aide Richard Allen said the first meeting would take place within the next six months at an unspecified time or date.

Calls report 'myth'

Iraq denies counter-attack

BEIRUT, Jan. 6 (AP) — Iran claimed Tuesday it wiped out two Iraqi brigades and captured 2,000 soldiers in a counter-offensive that dislodged Iraqi forces from defense positions carved inside Iranian province of Khuzistan.

The state radio in Teheran said the tank-led onslaught of the Iranians was "so sudden that the Iraqi had no time to put up the least resistance, with all their forward-line armored units swiftly annihilated," in the Khuzistan oil province.

Iraq's state radio in Baghdad described the two-day counterattack as a "myth, existing only in the imagination of the Iranian leaders." Communiques from the Iraqi military command spoke of "attempts against our forward positions that have all been crushed."

An "authoritative Iraqi source" has denied Tehran reports of major victories against Iraq, the Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) reported Tuesday. "Official reports from Tehran on the success of an Iranian counter-offensive said to have begun Monday against Iraqi forces are ridiculous," KUNA quoted the source as saying.

The source added, "It is true that the rate of fighting has stepped up in the past two days because of Iranian attacks against our positions inside Iranian territory, these dispersed and apparently uncoordinated attacks cannot be called a counter-offensive." The Iraqi army, which has been concentrated for several weeks in positions protected by heavy artillery and anti-aircraft defenses is capable of repelling any major Iranian attack," the source concluded.

The spokesman of Iran's Supreme Defense

Council Hojatoleslam Ali Khamenei told Tehran radio the Iranian offensive launched at mid-morning Monday had now turned the war tide in Iran's favor at the southern front in Khuzistan. "The enemy's strong defensive positions have been almost entirely crushed and there is no place in southern Khuzistan between the Iraqis and the border where they can make a stand," said Khamenei.

"Our forces can continue their progress down to the border," said the man who represents Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Khomeini on the defense council. "The offensive definitely must continue." Iraq claims to have conquered one third of Khuzistan in the first three weeks of the war on the northern flank on the Gulf, now in its 16th week.

Communiques from the Iranian command and reports by Tehran radio and Iran's official Pars news agency show the counter-offensive has been mounted mainly to dislodge Iraqi forces from positions near Khuzistan's capital of Ahwaz and the key highway town of Susangerd.

Ahwaz is 67 kilometers east of the Iraqi border. Iraq maintained artillery positions eight kilometers from the city of 400,000. Daily pounding of Ahwaz prompted the country's religious leaders to put strong pressure on President Abolhassan Banisadr to launch his long-promised counter-offensive. The hard-pressed president ordered his troops and armor in Khuzistan to charge at 0630GMT on Monday and fired off a telegram to Khomeini in the evening saying the first stage of the assault was an "outstanding success."

Pakistan to maintain stand on Afghanistan intervention

By Shahid Orakzai
Special Correspondent

ISLAMABAD, Jan. 6 — President Zia ul Haq Tuesday dispelled apprehensions that Pakistan's latest initiative for talks with Kabul under the aegis of United Nations was a shift from its principled stand on the Afghan crisis.

"Our initiative opens up the whole problem (Afghan issue) without compromising our stand," Zia told reporters after inaugurating an international seminar on monetary and fiscal economics of Islam jointly sponsored by King Abdul Aziz University and Pakistan's government.

President Zia said Pakistan earnestly desired a solution of the Afghan problem which, "We are facing along with Muslims and other people of the free world." But he added that such a solution must be in accordance with the wishes of the Afghan people and ensure the withdrawal of Russian forces and return of 1.3 million refugees to their country.

Pakistan last week urged the U.N. secretary general to arrange a dialogue between Islamabad, Tehran and the Peoples Democratic Party of Afghanistan, as recommended by U.N. general assembly. Pakistan's request in letter from Foreign Minister Agha Shahi had been delivered to Kurt Waldheim presently vacationing in Florida, but a U.N. spokesman was quoted as saying that the secretary general was continuing appropriate consultations for nominating a special emissary to promote political settlement of Afghanistan.

President Zia supported the initiative say-

ing that "options must remain open." He favored a flexible approach over rigid stand, but said it was premature to comment upon the question of recognizing the Kabul regime. Asked if Kabul insisted upon recognition prior to dialogue, President Zia said "We are not so naive." He added that in the latest initiative Pakistan enjoyed the support of the Muslim block and a total of countries which voted for the U.N. resolution.

About his visits to Turkey, Kuwait and other Gulf states next week, Zia said it aimed at evolving a unified approach on major problems before the Islamic heads of states assemble in Mecca for a Third summit. He said talks were still in progress for ending hostilities in the Gulf, but did not elaborate.

Speaking earlier at the seminar Zia called,

for changing the present international economic order and added that Islam could provide a just economic order guaranteeing both freedom and sustenance to man. He said capitalism had freedom, but no sustenance while Socialism, although providing sustenance, lacked freedom. Financial experts from Muslim countries want to create an integrated Islamic economic system to meet the challenge of modern times.

Earlier President of King Abdul Aziz University, Dr. Abdullah Omar Nassef, co-sponsor of the seminar, recounted the efforts of his university for research in Islamic economics. He said that evolving a new economic system based on Islamic injunction is a challenge for the Muslim economists. The seminar, a follow-up of the first held in Mecca three years back, is part of Pakistan government's celebration of the new Hijra century.

On terrorists

Turkey continues crackdown

London Bureau

LONDON, Jan. 6 — The Turkish government is prepared to take all necessary measures to meet challenges from terrorist groups, Prime Minister Bulent Ulusu said in an interview with Asharq Al-Awsat newspaper Tuesday.

"We will stamp out any challenge to the security and future democracy of our country," he said in an exclusive interview. Ulusu added that the threat comes from two main sources, the "Red Terror" and the "Black Terror," and neither of these will be tolerated.

"First, we have known for many years how Communists, assisted by Russia, have attempted — sometimes successfully — to use our free and democratic trade unions and institutions to create industrial unrest in their efforts to destroy the nation's economy. Also, as is well known, these same people have been involved in much of the violence and terrorism in recent years. This we are now bringing under control."

"As for the Black terror: "the Islamic fundamentalism of Ayatollah Khomeini and the Muslim Brotherhood has no place in the modern state of Turkey. Turkey, as I have said, is a Muslim state but its constitution permits the tolerant practice of other faiths."

Asked if he had any specific information to show what the result of his government's anti-terrorism campaign was, he said in the government program the primary task is to ensure security of life and property as well as supremacy of law and order in the country.

"The figures I will give you are based on comparisons of statistical data pertaining to the 80 day period between June 24-Sept. 11, to the following 80 day period between Sept. 12-Nov. 30.

The figures given showed that armed assaults and clashes were reduced to 305 in the period following Sept. 12, from the figure of 1,609 in the preceding 80 day period. Incidents involving the use of explosives were cut from 704 to 238 in the same period, and the overall death toll reduced from 680 in the 20 provinces where martial law was declared, down to 132 throughout the whole 67 provinces of Turkey.

In the same period the number of hand weapons seized increased from 1,823 to 6,871. These figures did not include the 132,500 pistols, 2,474 machine guns, 23,144 rifles, 5,087 kilos of explosives and 18,647 electrical detonators surrendered voluntarily to the authorities under the "Law on Seizure of Unlicensed Arms," which has made it a punishable offense to be in possession of unlicensed guns or explosives. A law that has affected hardest the male population of the Black Sea region of Trebzon, where almost every man possessed his own personal hand weapons as display of his masculinity.

This kind of statistical data, Ulusu said, is clear evidence of the success of the new administration in the fight against anarchy, terrorism and illegal trafficking of arms and ammunition.

"We are absolutely determined to eradicate the centers of terrorism to ensure peaceful co-existence of citizens with different political views and to achieve full and smooth functioning of the democratic order," he added.

Asked about his government's future foreign policy, with particular regard to its Muslim Arab neighbors and the country's continuing role in NATO, he replied: "In our

Guard bids called

By a Staff Writer

RIYADH, Jan. 6 — Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard ordered a contract for building a township for the National Guard be released for international tender. The project includes accommodation for personnel and their families with full facilities on a turnkey basis.

A spokesman for the National Guard said Prince Abdullah had given orders to exclude agents and intermediaries, and companies interested in the project must apply directly to the guard's administration. Applicants for at least SR400 million, he said. They must submit detailed information about their financial status, experience and previous accomplishment in the construction business.

The companies can apply as a consortium although the Guard will reserve the right to ask for the formation of the best possible companies in the consortium. March 8 will be the last date to submit the bids.

Three months ago Prince Abdullah rejected all four bids made to execute the project on the basis of "unreasonable overcharging."

The project, which is one of the largest in the Kingdom, will include 2,500 homes with full support facilities. Four international companies made bids in excess of \$3 billion last year. They included the U.K.-based Cementation with the lowest bid at \$2.3 billion followed by Sweden's Skanska Cement Jutrijet at \$3.4 billion, Royal Bos Kalis of the Netherlands at \$3.667 billion and fourth was Austria's Universale Hoch Und Tief Bau at \$3.894 billion.

OPEC reports

Oil reserves face exhaustion

ABUDHABI, Jan. 6 (Agencies) — Arab oil production is running too high and reserves could be exhausted earlier than scheduled if output continues at present levels, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) secretariat has warned.

Turning to prices, the secretariat's sixth report Monday said that the cause of continual hikes was inflation in the industrialized economies. The report said that in real terms, the crude cost no more last year than in 1974.

The secretariat said that the massive prices had been crucial in obliging the West to pay more attention to developing alternative energy sources, thus sparing oil reserves.

Meanwhile, in Qatar, British energy Minister Howell Monday urged oil-producing countries to avoid price explosions which were dangerous for the Western economy.

He told a press conference: "If there have to be oil price rises, then steady and gradual increases are favored. There is a worldwide tendency to avoid price explosions, and we should work hard to maintain the present stability."

The minister said talks with Qatari officials Monday dealt with developments in the world oil situation. He said he had also discussed how Britain could help in developing Qatar's huge natural oil reserves, but no decisions were taken.



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Prince Salman says

Palestine remains prime issue

RIYADH, Jan. 6 (SPA) — King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd consider the Palestinian issue as their prime cause and have already proven this through deeds, not only by words, Riyadh Governor Prince Salman said Monday. He added that Saudi Arabia is upholding the position despite the hardships it endures as a result of such a clear-cut stand.

Prince Salman was addressing a ceremony held at Fatah's office here to commemorate the 16th anniversary of the Palestinian armed struggle. He said that in retaliation to such a stance, Saudi Arabia is exposed to lies, conspiracies and exaggeration in describing its home conditions on the part of "numerous quarters." But Islam and Arabism make it

imperative for the Kingdom never to relinquish its position, Prince Salman said. He added that he was sorry, however, that some Muslims and Arabs sometimes feel attracted by "tendencies that can only serve the enemies of Arabs and Muslims." Prince Salman said the King government and people of Saudi Arabia are adhering to the Palestinian cause.

Ever since it was created in 1965, Fatah has been a purely Palestinian movement that belongs to no party and no organization and works solely for Palestine. Prince Salman pointed out. He said the instructions of King Faisal at that time are that Saudi Arabia should cooperate with the movement without



ANNIVERSARY : Riyadh Governor Prince Salman and Rafiq Natsha, PLO representative in the Kingdom, during speeches marking the anniversary of the Palestinian revolution.

Agriculture exhibit opened

JEDDAH, Jan. 6 (SPA) — Mecca Governor Prince Majed opened the agricultural exhibition organized by Jeddah Municipality at the Desert Gardens in Mecca Road Tuesday. Prince Majed was received by Mayor Muhammad Said Farsi and officials and representatives of the agricultural firms participating in the show.

Prince Majed expressed his admiration for the coordination while establishing the exhibition. The Kingdom's development is not restricted to construction, but had exceeded expectations in all fields, he said.

Agriculture is vital in the lives of the people, the prince said. The agricultural development policy of the Kingdom is pro-

gressing in all its aspects, he added. Prince Majed hailed the efforts of the people in charge of beautification projects.

Major Farsi also emphasized the importance of the beautification projects and said the opening of the exhibition does not mean that this is the extent of these projects. There are more beautification projects to be carried out, he said.

Major Farsi called on the public to cooperate with the officials in charge of the projects so everyone can enjoy the benefits. Jeddah Municipality built the desert gardens and the agricultural exhibition in an area of 13 square kilometers. Saudi Arabian agricultural firms also participated in the SR 14 million exhibition.

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Jack Bizzell

Trade mission to visit soon

JEDDAH, Jan. 6 (SPA) — Jack Bizzell, sales manager of H.E. Daniel Ltd., a British manufacturer of flavors and perfumes, will accompany the North of England Development Council's trade mission to the Kingdom from January 9 through the 22nd. The group's representatives from 13 British firms are involved in railways and ports cranes, rails, metals for decoration, metal cutting equipment and engineering and industrial designs and project management.

Rafiq Al-Natsha, Fatah's representative in Saudi Arabia, said the Palestinian people will respect their pledge to the Saudi leaders who back them not to put down weapons until Al-Quds and the entire Palestinian soil has been liberated from the Zionist grip. He said today's Palestinian fighters are the third generation since the Zionist occupation first started. He thanked King Khaled, Crown Prince Fahd, Prince Salman and all Saudis for their honorable stand towards the Palestinian cause and for their regular assistance.

Natsha said that as soon as Prince Fahd had launched his call for Jihad (holy struggle), numerous Jihad camps were opened and that "the door is still open for Jihad." He stressed that it was for the fourth time that Al-Quds fell in alien hands in 1967 when the same conditions that led to its fall in the three previous times prevailed, namely when Muslims disagreed and began fighting each other. Therefore, Al-Quds cannot be recovered without unity of ranks as was the case in the past. Everybody is pinning great hopes on the forthcoming Third Islamic Summit Conference in Saudi Arabia, Natsha said.

Decisions taken by the 59th session of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) recently held in Bali, Indonesia, were also endorsed, Dr. Yaman said. The Cabinet also approved a proposal by Sheikh Hassan ibn Abdullah Al-Sheikh, higher education minister, on the equivalency degrees of certain universities abroad.

It will resume examination of a draft agreement on scientific, technological and technical cooperation between the Kingdom and West Germany at the next session.

COMMENT

By Jalal Abu Zeid
Al Medina

The life of an artist is not as easy and comfortable as some people imagine. An artist who is normally surrounded by his fans is mostly a victim of solitude whenever he is away from people's. It is interesting to note that an artist has to pay dearly for his reputation, as his reputation comes only at the cost of his nerves and comfort, and sometimes even his whole life.

Some artists are always active and remain anxious to find something new, so that their image does not dwindle in the minds of the people. In order to achieve this objective, they toil day in and day out and suffer a good deal of hardship.

On the other hand, we find some artist very successful and popular in their artistic career but equally miserable in their family life. There are yet others who crave to live like an ordinary individual, going to work, coming back home after the day's labor and then taking a stroll in the evening or a round of the market. But they fail to realize this dream owing to a permanent chase by their fans.

Apart from all this, there are many psychological factors that affect an artist and drown him in the depth of anxieties. On the screen or stage, or even while they are rendering a melody, they are gripped by a fear that they might face a flop owing to the presence of rivals in the same field. Generally, the life of an artist remains unstable owing to all these factors, which are unknown to some people and which also sometimes do not receive focus from any quarter.

First phase underway

Hospital open to Saudis

By Jean Grant
Al Khobar Bureau

gynecology ward is to open in April. The hospital is to be fully operational by June.

King Abdul Aziz military base hospital here is now well into its first phase of operations. The hospital was visited by King Khaled in ribbon-cutting ceremony in late November and opened to patients on December 13.

One hundred and seventy staff with 16 doctors cover most specialized areas from ophthalmology to surgery. Thirty-two of the hospital's 100 beds including those in the intensive care unit are now open. In the hospital's phased opening, the obstetrics and

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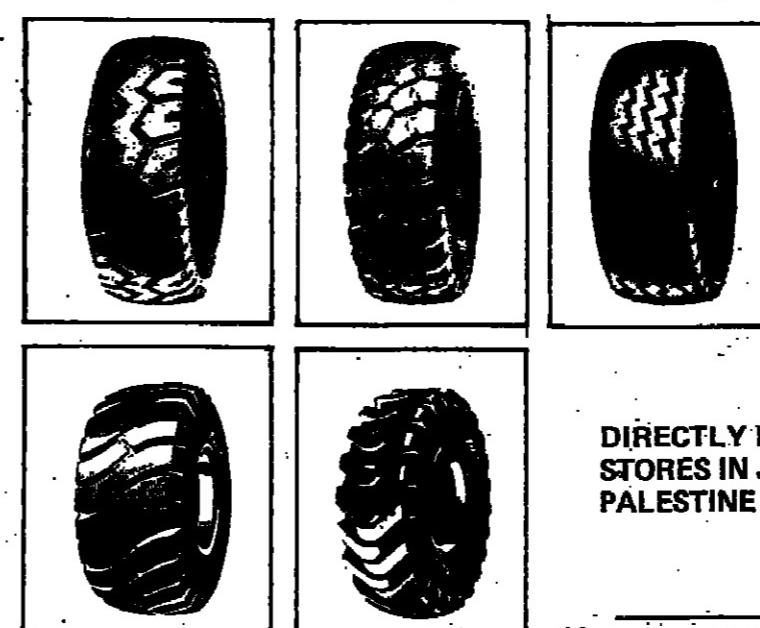
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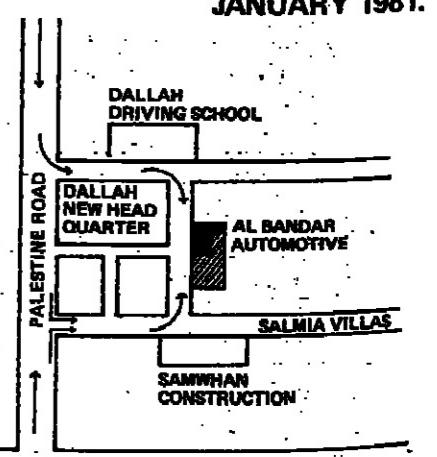
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Film processing delayed

By Momin Muhammad Ali

JEDDAH, Jan. 6 — The demand for color film processing and printing caused delays in the QSS (quick service system), according to the owner of a Jeddah photo shop. Limited capacity is hindering processing and printing of color photographs within one hour.

In an interview with *Arab News*, Ahmad Taha Nazer of the Modern Markets said that customers bringing more than one roll and pressure during weekends causes the delays. "This added to time spent in feeding rolls to the machines hinder the quick service. But apart from that, the machines process and print a color roll in only 45 minutes," he said.

"People say we have no right to claim something we can not do. We can do it, but we have a limited capacity at the present," Nazer said. But still, the QSS remains the fastest processor and printer of colored films even if it takes a couple of hours, he added.

Nazer, one of the color film processing and printing pioneers in the Kingdom, started work in 1965. Being a specialist in his line of business, he has greater ambitions. It is the first shop for QSS printing and still is the only one. Though others tried they could not carry on because of various reasons, Nazer said.

"We faced many challenges but we were able to survive them," he went on. "The first difficulty comes from the processing and printing machines that were produced for the first time, and by a new company."

"When we bought the equipment, we took every precaution that secures a regular service, by bringing considerable amount of spare parts under the guidance of the manufacturers. But the problems we faced were unexpected by the manufacturers themselves," he said.

A second machine that was planned for one of his other shops rescued the regularity of the QSS. "We could not operate the other machine in our downtown shop because of the electricity supply in that area is low."

He added that even foreigners are surprised that such an efficient and quick service

Leader urges support

MECCA, Jan. 6 (SPA) — Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan, secretary general of the Muslim World League, appealed to all those who will address the faithful during next Friday's collective noon prayers to devote their speeches to the Afghanistan jihad (struggle) against the Soviet usurpers on the first anniversary of the Russian invasion of their homeland.

Harakan also called on Muslims to give material and moral assistance to their brothers in Afghanistan until they triumph over their enemies.

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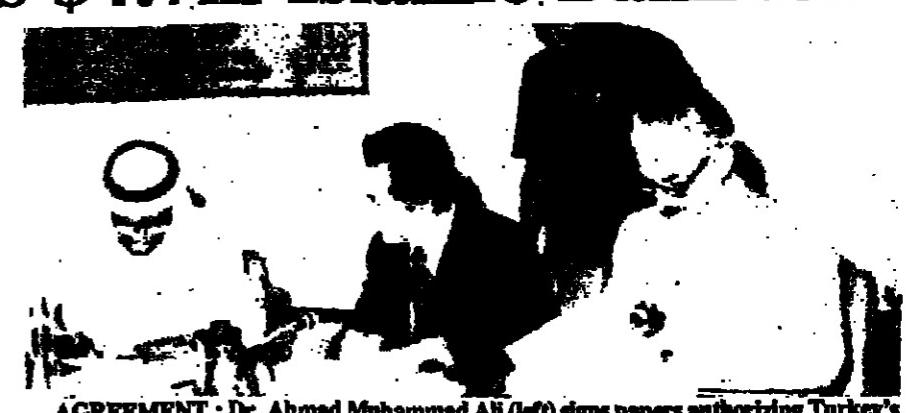
Turkey receives \$4.7m Islamic Bank loan

JEDDAH, Jan. 6 (SPA) — The Islamic Development Bank Monday gave Turkey \$4.7 million. The money went to the Turkish Industrial Development Bank to help increase the capital of two Turkish industrial firms that produce particle wood and copper.

The assistance is to raise to 6,000 square meters the annual production capacity of the wood factory and to 18,000 tons that of the copper plant. The agreement was signed by IDB President Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali and representatives of the Turkish bank and the two firms.

Another development, Muhammad Ali, left here Jeddah Tuesday for Islamabad where a seminar is to be held on Islamic monetary and other economic questions.

Some 80 specialists will attend from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Jordan, Bangladesh, Malaysia, Iran, Oman, Turkey and elsewhere. The seminar, run by King Khalid bin Abdul Aziz University and the Pakistani planning ministry, will be presided over by Pakistan's head of state Muhammad Zia ul Haq.



AGREEMENT : Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali (left) signs papers authorizing Turkey's \$4.7 million loan

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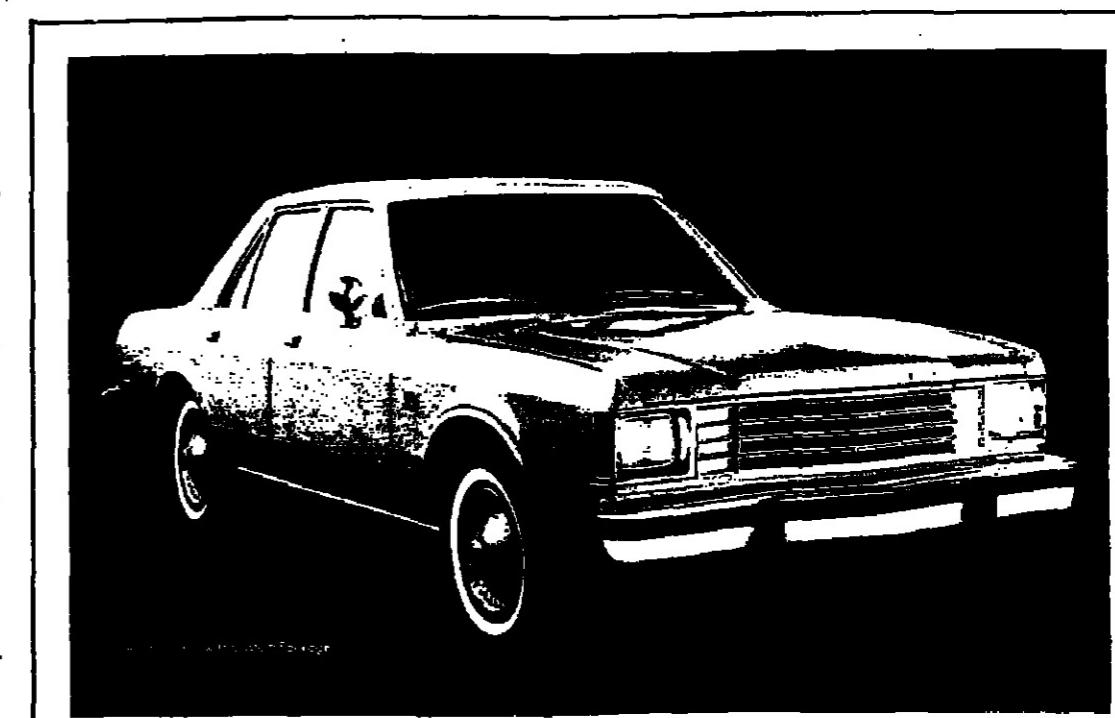
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Threatened with collapse

Begin cabinet given respite of few days

TEL AVIV, Jan. 6 (Agencies) — Prime Minister Menahem Begin gained a respite of a few days Tuesday for his government, threatened with collapse over teachers' pay demands. Finance Minister Yigael Hurvitz said he agreed to Begin's request to withhold his resignation for "two or three days, not later than the cabinet meeting." Apparently, he was referring to the regular weekly cabinet meeting scheduled for Sunday.

Hurvitz has threatened to quit — and in so doing, almost certainly bring down the government — if the teachers' demands are met. He says they would contradict his anti-inflation measures that have already slashed the national budget and even cut into defense spending.

"If we can't find a solution at the cabinet meeting, the education minister and myself may go home," he said. "Or one of us may go home, or the whole government may go home." "Going home" is Hurvitz's euphemism for resigning.

Hurvitz was speaking to reporters after he and Education Minister Zevulun Hammer

met with Begin in search of a compromise on the teachers' demands. Hammer said nobody wanted the government to fall, and that all sorts of ideas were being examined. Meeting would go on in hopes of a solution, he said.

Should Hurvitz resign, he would be followed by the two other members of his Rafi political faction in Begin's ruling Likud coalition, and deprive the government of its slim majority in parliament.

A source close to the prime minister's office said Tuesday that Begin was sparing no efforts to persuade Hurvitz to stay on. But Hurvitz reportedly wanted to quit now as if the Likud government falls, under a caretaker government no minister is allowed to resign.

The source said reports that Begin was about to resign were "premature." He added that numerous deputies outside the coalition had promised their support, preferring to back a minority government until general elections in November rather than risk losing their seat altogether.

Lord Carrington said Monday he believes strong Western reaction to the invasion of Afghanistan has made Moscow think twice before intervention in Poland.

"I would hazard a guess that one of the reasons why so far at any rate the Soviet Union has not intervened militarily in Poland is their knowledge that there would be a very sharp reaction — sharper reaction, indeed — from the West than there was the Afghanis-tan."

In a taped television interview with the British Broadcasting Corporation, he said he thought the Soviet move into Afghanistan in Dec. 1979 had set Third world opinion against the Soviet Union and had been very damaging to East-West relations, particularly to the strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT).

Meanwhile, the International Red Cross has decided to set up two hospitals for Afghan refugees in the Pakistani border town of Peshawar. Under an agreement signed by Red Cross delegation chief Jean Courvoisier with the Pakistani government, the hospitals will cost \$2 million.

In another development, a former politician, Nematzullah Pazhwak, has been appointed adviser to Afghan President Karim, Radio Kabul said.

Meanwhile, British Foreign Secretary

RON BROWN OF LEITH, ALLEN ROBERTS OF BOODLE AND ROBERT LISTERLAND OF MANCHESTER CENTRAL, WERE CRITICAL OF THE CONSERVATIVE LEADERSHIP DAILY EXPRESS WHICH SAID:

"The visit ... is a betrayal of all that this country, indeed of all that the Labor Party purports to stand for in terms of freedom and democracy."

"The Russians are intent on using them to convey a totally misleading impression of British acquiescence in the brutal annexation of Afghanistan."

A foreign office spokesman said of the MPs visit that "Britain has no substantive contact with the Karmal regime" and considers any contact which could give that regime "additional status" as inappropriate, "especially while Soviet forces, on whom they depend for support, remain in Afghanistan."

Meanwhile, British Foreign Secretary



MEET HOSTAGES: Algerian Ambassador Abdulkarim Gheriaeb, (right) and Ben Hosseini of the Algerian Foreign Ministry, (left) in bottom photo, talk with two American hostages held in Iran. The photos were released by Iran's official news agency Pars last week.

After 'baseless report'

Egypt bans Israeli newsmen

CAIRO, Jan. 6 (Agencies) — Egypt has banned all correspondents of the *Jerusalem Post* from entering the country following a report in the Israeli newspaper of a power struggle in Cairo, officials said Tuesday.

Clarifying an order issued Monday night, they said the ban applied to all *Jerusalem Post* journalists and not just the reporter who wrote the article. They described the report as lies and baseless allegations.

The report, written by Aman Safadi, a correspondent who recently visited Cairo, spoke of an imminent Egyptian Cabinet reshuffle

and a struggle in the leadership. Informed sources said President Anwar Sadat was consulted before the ban was announced.

Israeli journalists have been traveling here since Sadat's 1977 visit to Israel. It is the first time any of them have been barred from the country.

The report quoted informed sources in Cairo as saying that Vice-President Hosni Mubarak has been trying to place his associates in prominent positions in the Egyptian government with the intention of building a power base. "I stand by it and I will stand by it, and you will read more," Safadi told the Associated Press. "I am saddened but I stand by it," he added.

Safadi said he returned last week from Cairo, where "sources in the inner circles of Sadat's administration" told him of the impending reshuffle. Safadi wrote that Mubarak "is engaged in a power struggle with Sadat's closest associates, if not with Sadat himself."

Mintoff visits Morocco

RABAT, Jan. 6 (AP) — Dom Mintoff, prime minister of Malta, arrived in Rabat on a four-day official visit following earlier stops in Tunisia and Algiers.

"We have come to discuss with our Moroccan brothers the possibilities of strengthening economic cooperation as well as our common political positions," Mintoff said on arrival Monday night.

Turkish military promises to restore democratic rule

ANKARA, Jan. 6 (R) — Turkish military leader Gen. Kenan Evren Tuesday pledged to return the country to democracy but he said the army will not submit to internal or foreign pressure.

Gen. Evren who heads a five-man ruling National Security Council that seized power last Sept., was inaugurating a year of celebrations marking the 100th anniversary of the birth of Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, founder of modern Turkey. As in previous speeches, Gen. Evren did not give a timetable for a return to democracy. But he said "without yielding to any amount of internal and external pressure" military leaders would restore the supremacy of state authority and reestablish a working democracy.

The general has said he will announce the timetable for a return to parliament rule sometime this year.

The ceremony was attended by three

Libya ratifies treaty with Chad

LONDON, Jan. 6 (R) — Libya Monday ratified a friendship treaty with Chad signed in Tripoli last June, the Libyan News Agency Jana reported. Libya helped Chad President Goukouri Ouaddai drive the rebel troops of Defense Minister Hissene Habre from the Chad capital of N'Djamena three weeks ago after a nine-month battle for the city.

The agency quoted Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi as saying that a Libyan involve-

Libyans take over embassy in China

PEKING, Jan. 6 (AFP) — The Libyan embassy here should be within the framework of a bilateral treaty deposited with the Organization of African Unity (OAU) and the United Nations.

Libya's role in Chad has caused unease among the Central African country's neighbors. In New York, a U.N. spokesman said Assistant Secretary-General Gordon Goudrey has left for Chad Monday night to review a request for emergency aid.

Similar ceremonies have already been held in Libyan embassies in various world capitals including Tokyo. The 15 Libyan nationals present said they aimed at setting up "direct cooperation" between the Libyan and Chinese people instead of "going through governments."

The embassy diplomats including Charge d'affaires Muhammad Elgarabi, said they had given up their diplomatic status and would inform Chinese authorities.

Egypt adjourns trial of militants

CAIRO, Jan. 6 (AFP) — The trial of 30 Egyptian militants has been recessed until Saturday by the state supreme security court here.

The 30 militants are accused of forming "a clandestine Communist Party and of breaking the ban on the formation of political par-

Sadat message thanks Argentina

Buenos Aires, Jan. 6 (Agencies) — Egyptian Foreign Minister Boutros Ghali Monday delivered a special message from President Anwar Sadat to the President of Argentina Jorge R. Videla.

The Argentine chief of state met Ghali at noon at the government house. Ghali arrived Sunday for a four-day visit. He is also scheduled to visit three other Latin American countries — Chile, his next stop Thursday,

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report that the diplomat had been kidnapped.

BAGHDAD, (AFP) — A Japanese Islamic conference delegation had a meeting here Monday with Tayeb Abdul Karim, Iraqi oil minister and member of the revolutionary council. They discussed ways of consolidating the friendly relations between the two countries and the scope for increased bilateral cooperation.

BEIRUT, (AFP) — Lebanese rightist militia controlling the Israeli frontier strip in south Lebanon Monday shelled Lebanese village of Hasbaya at the easternmost end of the strip, according to reports reaching here.

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Warwick withdraws**Dale shocks Dibley**

DE, Jan. 6 (AFP) — Dale Colton, a shock 7-5, 6-2 victory over Ted Colin Dibley in the South Open Tuesday.

25, from Queensland, had a bad as and also failed to qualify for the Wales and Australian Open.

Wright began brilliantly against Rick Fisher, but later was affected which had weakened him for several sets won 6-4, 7-5.

Gullikson saved six match points in 3 set before defeating Australian her 3-6, 7-6, 6-4 Monday.

was dominant with each dropping . Gullikson, the number three seed, headed for his third successive first in Australia in the tie-breaker section but Letcher squandered opportunity to the American to hang on and win it 14-12.

Gillstone shocked fellow Australian 4 seed, Geoff Masters 6-2, 6-2.

In Open finalist Kim Warwick has from the South Australian Open, was hampered by a shoulder injury in final against Brian Teacher, laying the doubles final he had an Warwick was the top seed.

In, in Auckland, New Zealander pson caused the first upset of the Volvo Grand Prix when he eliminated seeded Rod Frawley 6-3, 6-4 in round singles match.

0-year-old Auckland required only to topple the Australian Davis her who holds a ranking of 43 in the Simpson, himself a former Davis Cup active, won through qualifying to main tournament draw.

set service breaks in the second and to win the 29-minute first set. opened the second set with a first

game break of Frawley's service and never looked back. Frawley later withdrew from the tournament doubles competition with a pulled muscle in his on-serving arm.

Top-seeded American Bill Scanlon was stretched to the limit as well, but he managed a 5-7, 6-3, 7-5 victory over tall Australian right-hander Steve Docherty.

Neither player performed up to his potential in the two hours six minutes struggle, with both spoiling winning chances. Scanlon finally broke Docherty's serve for the match in the 12th game of the third set.

Third-seeded Russell Simpson (NZ), younger brother of Jeff, had no trouble beating 1979 junior Wimbledon runner-up David Siegler 6-4, 6-3.

Siegler, number one junior in Southern California, could not handle Simpson's accurate passing shots when he came to the net to attack.

American Bill Mafin, number one ranked junior in the world in 1975, confirmed his seventh seeding of the tournament with a comfortable 6-4, 6-4 win over Australian Alvin Gardner.

In other first round games, Mike Estep (USA) beat fellow countryman Glen Perri 6-2, 6-3 and American Tony Graham lost only five games on the way to a straight sets decision over 18-year-old Kiwi Bruce Berlin 6-1, 6-4.

Three-times finalist Tim Gullikson was taken to three sets before beating McLain.

The 21-year-old American left-hander lost his first set to fellow countryman at 2-6, before finally clinching the match in the next two sets 6-2, 6-4.

Gullikson, winner of the tournament two years ago and losing finalist to American John Sadri last January, played well below his 96 world ranking.

The North Carolinian served erratically. Had not McCain been obviously hampered by a sore right knee, the match could easily have swung the other way.

Fifth seed Gullikson was not the only seed to be stretched to a three-setter, sixth-seeded Onny Parun (New Zealand), four times winner of this event, needed 95 minutes to eliminate young Australian Greg Whitecross 6-2, 6-2.

Parun, now 33-year-old and nearing the end of 21 years as a professional, relied heavily on that experience to come back from a service break down in the third set to win through to the second round.

Fourth-seeded American Ferdi Taygan looked comfortable in beating Australian Peter Campbell 6-2, 6-2 in 70 minutes. Taygan's hard hit ground strokes may well put him in contention for Sunday's final. American Chris Imayone, the eighth seed, beat Californian Lloyd Bourne 7-5, 6-1 after some anxious moments in the first set when he blew a two break advantage.



GET SET, GO: The New York City marathon was set off with a partially inflated balloon. The New York Road Runners Club, sponsors of the event, have banned the use of the starter's pistol in protest against handgun violence.

Claudio Marangoni leaves Sunderland, returns home

LONDON, Jan. 6 (AFP) — Sunderland have parted company with Argentine Claudio Marangoni, their record signing who has made only 19 league appearances in 13 months.

The 26-year-old midfield player is returning to South America with 2.5 years of his contract still to run. Manager Ken Knighton said: "Claudio came to see me a few weeks ago and said he was disappointed at playing in the reserves. I talked it over with the chair-

man and he decided it best for all concerned if Claudio returned to South America. There is still a substantial amount outstanding, as payments were spread over 3.5 years, but there is a clause in the contract which enables us to send him back."

Marangoni cost Sunderland £320,000 in December 1979 when he signed from San Lorenzo, but has played only three first division games this season.

Meanwhile, Malcolm Allison is staying on

to manage struggling English first division side Crystal Palace; but not on the long-term contract he had hoped for.

Allison, who was said after Saturday's English Cup third round defeat at Manchester City, that he was looking for a five or even ten years agreement, met chairman Ray Bloye in London Monday.

The upshot is that Allison remains in charge at Selhurst Park on a day-to-day basis and that his position will be reviewed at the end of the season.

Alberto to miss crucial match

MONTEVIDEO, Jan. 6 (AFP) — Argentina will be able to field top attacker Diego Maradona if they qualify to play Uruguay in the "Mimi World Cup Football final here on Saturday.

The World Cup holders heard that their prize asset might be suspended following incident between opposing players immediately after their match with Brazil.

It was suggested in football circles here that Argentine referee had single out Maradona and Alberto Tarantini of Argentina and Brazilian Palo Isidoro as being responsible for the flare-up.

The International Football Federation, however, said they had received a full report on what took place from the referee, but no names had been mentioned.

Brazil's goalkeeper Carlos Alberto is certain to miss the crucial West German match after injuring his left shoulder in the game against Argentina. Alberto was forced to leave the field after diving at the feet of Daniel Valencia and was replaced by Leite.

Italy face the Netherlands Tuesday. With little to lose, Dutch manager Jan Zwartkruis will have his mind on shaping a team still able to qualify for the World Cup finals in Spain.

The Netherlands, losing finalists in 1974 and 1978, started the current campaign disastrously, losing 2-1 to Ireland and 1-0 to Belgium. Italy's Enzo Bearzot, for a different reason, will also change his lineup.

Bearzot told newsmen: "The referee has forced me to experiment, referring to the expulsion during Saturday's match against Uruguay of two Italian players, who are barred from the game against the Dutch."

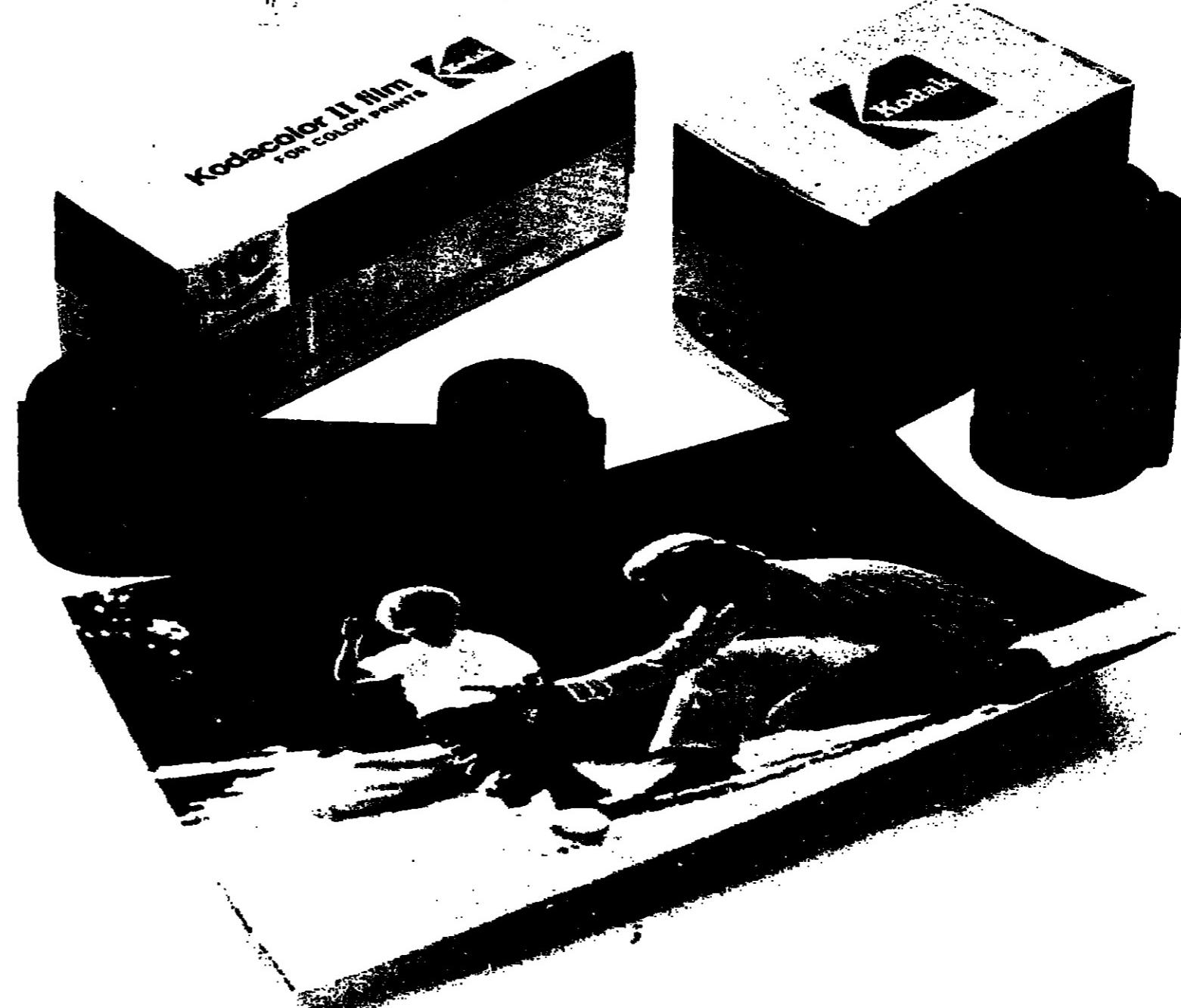
Antonio Cabrini was sent off with Uruguayan Jose Moreira for fighting and Marco Tardelli was shown the red card shortly before the end for a rough tackle. Bearzot said he would probably replace his banned players by Giuseppe Baresi and Carlo Ancelotti.

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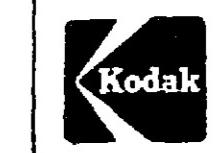
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**st Germany tops**

FRIS. Jan. 6 (AFP) — The weekly magazine France Football has chosen West Germany as the best European football team 1980.

compiling a standings of teams, France included the 165 official matches of season, among them 17 for the European Nations Tournament, three for World Cup nations, six for the British Championships, one for the Mundialito and 98 friend-

Vest Germany, 1980 European champion unbroken last season, came out first. The top 15 teams were: 1. West Germany. Belgium. 3. USSR. 4. Italy. 5. East Germany. 6. England. 7. Yugoslavia. 8. Wales. Poland. Czechoslovakia. 11. France. 12. Scotland. Northern Ireland. 14. Rumania. 15. Spain. Netherlands.

Briefs

CANADA. (AP) — Canadian heavyweight champion Trevor Berbick of Halifax will fight Larry Holmes of the United States for his world Boxing Council Championship. ATV news quoted Toronto promoter Irv Ungerman as saying Monday.

COPENHAGEN, (AFP) — Denmark failed to produce a finalist in the singles competitions at the Copenhagen Cup Badminton tournament here Monday night despite the fact that they had a competitor in all four semi-finals. In the men's event Flemming Delfs and Morten Frots went out to Indonesians Hadiyanto and Luis Pongoh and in the women's semi-finals British players Jan Webster and Gillian Gilks crushed home opponents Susanne Ejlersen and Rikke Soerensen.

MANILA, (AFP) — The Philippines is going against time to construct a multi-million dollar sports complex, primed to be southeast Asia's best, for the southeast Asian games here in December this year. The sports complex, whose centerpiece is a 40,000-seat stadium that can seat 70,000, will replace the old Rizal Memorial Stadium here the second Asian Games were staged in 1975.

LONDON, (AFP) — David Cooke, the and Australian-born Harlequins player, has been chosen to make his England debut, against Wales in Cardiff on January 17. Cooke, 25, is the only new cap in a team that includes 13 of the side that won the grand slam last season for the first time in 23 years.

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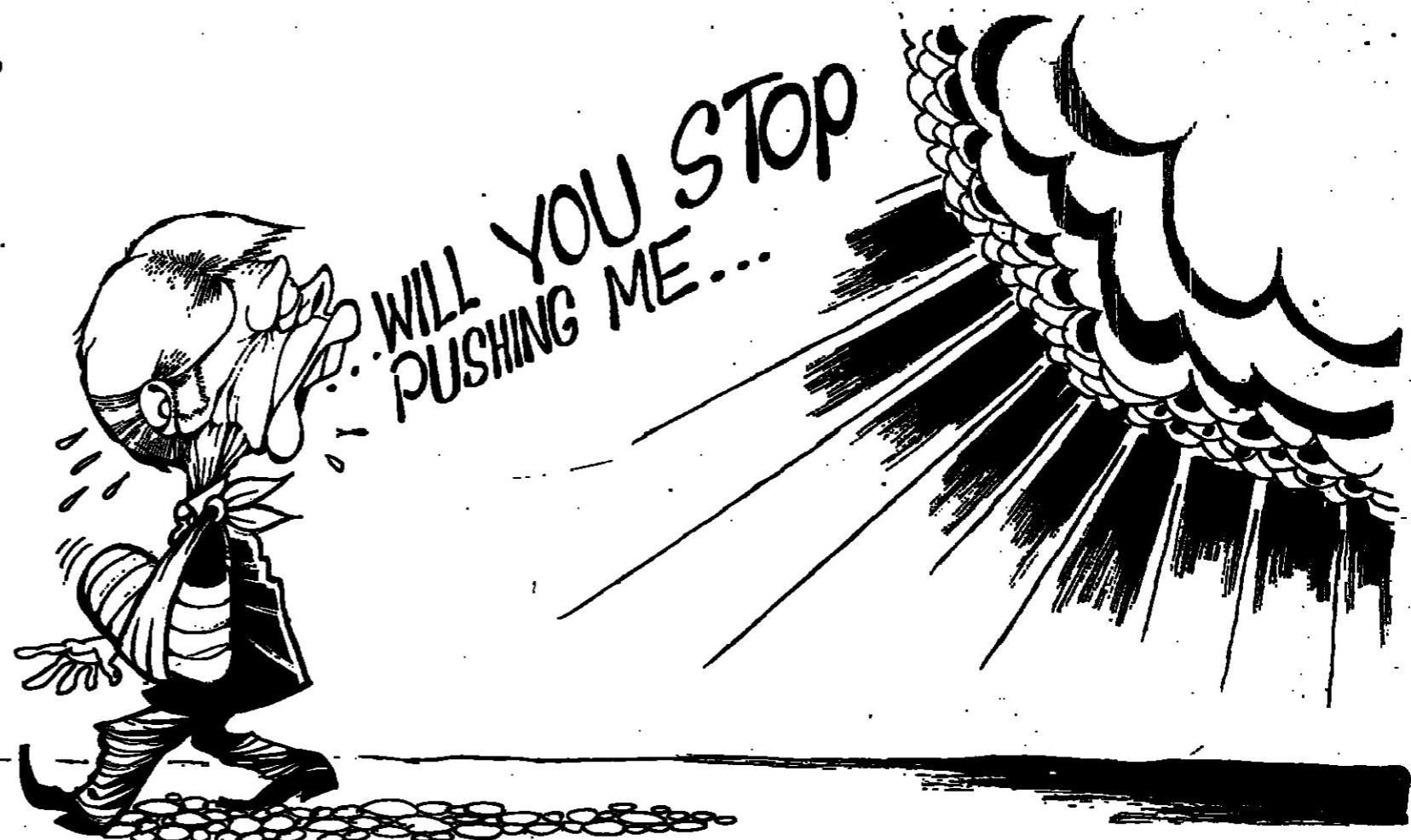
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The challenge facing Reagan in the Middle East

By Michael Adams

None of the problems claiming the attention of the new administration in Washington is more urgent than the problem of the Middle East. None has a more immediate bearing on the security of the United States and of its allies in the rest of the world. It is generally agreed, moreover, that the key to the problem is in the hands of the United States.

So the world will be watching with keen interest to see whether Reagan and his associates will prove more successful than their predecessors in promoting a settlement which is acceptable to the contestants in the Middle East and which can secure the stability of a region so vital to the rest of the world.

Speculation based on the campaign promises of Governor Reagan gives little cause for optimism. His lack of experience of foreign affairs in general and the Middle East in particular, together with the pressures always at work on any candidate for high office in the United States, led him to give assurances and undertakings to the supporters of Israel which, if he tried to fulfil them, would put an Arab-Israeli settlement further out of reach than ever.

Nor is it safe to assume, with the cynicism which the workings of the American political scene do so much to encourage and justify, that these undertakings were merely given in order to win votes and will be quietly shelved now that their purpose has been achieved. The statements Reagan has made since his election show no sign of a change of heart, while among those he has chosen as his political advisers there are several who are conspicuous for the unfailing support they have given in the past to successive governments in Israel.

There is, however, one factor which suggests that the Reagan administration might take a different and a more robust approach to the Middle East than the one which led President Carter into such a quagmire of indecision. Reagan clearly represents a particular brand of American conservatism, conservatism based on certain clear-cut, uncomplicated and deeply held convictions about the way to run an efficient outfit, whether the outfit happens to be a corporation or a state or the government of the

United States of America. And if he approaches the task of government in that spirit it seems likely that Reagan will put before the American people a clearer conception of what he believes to be the national interest than Carter ever succeeded in doing, and that he will be less patient than Carter with anyone who obstructs him in pursuing it.

All this will have a direct bearing on the future of American policy in the Middle East. For in so far as Carter could be said to have a policy for resolving the Arab-Israeli dispute, it was Israel's Begin who prevented him from carrying it out. If Carter said there ought to be a homeland for the Palestinians, Begin made him eat his words. If Carter said he had reached an agreement with Begin and that there were to be no more Jewish settlements in the occupied West Bank, Begin swiftly — and none too politely — disabused him. And when Carter took his courage in both hands and told the American delegate to vote for a Security Council resolution condemning Israel, it took only 48 hours for Begin to force him to change his mind — and to make him look to the world like an incompetent fool.

This was embarrassing for Carter — but it was also galling for many Americans who resented seeing their country and its elected leader so rudely defied. During the last year of the Carter administration, many of them also saw that American policy in the Middle East was not achieving its declared objectives but that, on the contrary, it was encouraging Israel to maintain an attitude which put American interests at risk.

In a recently published paper on American interests in the Middle East (Middle East Institute, Washington), Dr. Seth Tillman has addressed himself to the question of what those interests are and how they might best be attained. The United States, says Tillman, has four fundamental interests in the Middle East which he identifies as:

1. reliable access, at tolerable prices, to oil from the Arabian peninsula;
2. the survival and security of the state of Israel;
3. the avoidance of confrontation with the Soviet Union;

4. the fulfillment of certain principles, such as the peaceful settlement of disputes, the inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by force, and the right of peoples to self-determination.

In trying to shape a policy based on these national interests, successive presidents of the United States (Tillman points out) have run into opposition from the pro-Israel lobby and have been compelled to make what he calls "a difficult choice, between adopting policies weighted on the side of Israeli wishes at the expense of other national interests and attempting to frame policies based on the totality of American interests, with resulting controversy and political risk to themselves."

Despite the inhibiting effect of these pressures, Tillman says that behind all the arguments and recriminations a quiet consensus has emerged among moderates in the Arab world, the United States and Europe, "with some minority support in Israel as well," about the essentials for a peace settlement. These he identifies as:

1. Israeli withdrawal to the 1967 borders;
2. Palestinian self-determination, in exchange for explicit recognition of Israel's right to exist;
3. Some form of Arab sovereignty over the holy places in Jerusalem;
4. demilitarized zones around Israel's borders, with international protection and guarantees.

He places particular emphasis on two of these basic requirements: Palestinian self-determination and international guarantees. Israel, he says, is too small and too dependent on outside aid to be able indefinitely to hold down an unwilling Palestinian population; it cannot escape the fact that "its future is in coming to terms with its rival claimant to the Holy Land, in accepting the legitimacy of Palestinian nationalism." Recalling that Ben Gurion in 1971 urged a return to the 1967 borders, Tillman quotes the former Israeli prime minister's dictum that "Real peace with our Arab neighbors — mutual trust and friendship — that is the only true security." And he emphasizes that in addition to categorical assurances and undertakings from the Arabs, the whole agreement should be safeguarded by "a solid, explicit system of international guarantees."

tee ... including, if Israel so desires, a bilateral treaty between Israel and the United States guaranteeing Israel's independence and territory.

For the government of the United States, Tillman observes, "the problem is not what to do but how to do it." Since a consensus already exists about the requirements for a settlement, and since the United States clearly possesses the influence to bring it about, the United States should not shrink if necessary from imposing a settlement which is in Israel's own best interests as well as satisfying the legitimate demands of the Palestinians — and which will at the same time achieve those fundamental objectives of American policy which Tillman took as his starting point.

Previous American administrations, he remarks, have refused to do this or to use the leverage which they could exert to obtain Israeli compliance, not because of any moral scruples but "because American office holders, fearing political reprisal, have acquiesced in the prohibition." And he points out that the result of America's unwillingness to use its influence to impose a just settlement is that Israel has so far been able to impose an unjust one, based on Israeli military preponderance and the denial of Palestinian self-determination.

Past American efforts to achieve a settlement in the Middle East which would advance American interests as well as reconciling some of the parties to the dispute have failed, Tillman concludes, because the pro-Israel lobby has been powerful enough to frustrate them in the domestic political arena in the United States. To overcome this obstacle, he says, will require "a sustained, purposeful campaign by the president and any other elected leaders who might care to step forward to educate the American people in the realities of the Middle East, the nature of American interests in the region, the relationship of these interests to each other, and the necessity of a policy that harmonizes these so far as possible."

This is the challenge facing the new administration in the United States. Is Reagan the man to grapple with it and to succeed where Carter and others so signally failed? Much will depend on the answer.

Solution to Northern Ireland problem still far off

By Barry White

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — Now that the hunger strike at Maze prison has been called off, with both the strikers and the British government claiming victory, the spotlight switches to the political scene, where there is more movement than has been seen for many years.

It is not that the rival parties inside Northern Ireland are any better disposed to one another. The British staged a series of talks earlier last year on the possibility of re-establishing a provincial assembly, but the main Protestant Party, the Official Unionists, did not bother to turn up and the attempt was finally abandoned. The difference to day is that the British are participating themselves, without help from Northern Ireland politicians, and have brought the government of the Irish Republic into the picture.

This became clear following a high-powered summit meeting in Dublin, Ireland, earlier last month, when British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Irish Premier Charles Haughey, agreed to set up joint studies of various aspects of Anglo-Irish relations, intended to explore "the

totality of relationships" between the two states. Neither has been willing to spell out the precise meaning, but hints have been dropped of an Anglo-Irish friendship treaty, with institutions to improve North-South cooperation in Ireland. Mrs. Thatcher explained away the presence of Lord Carrington, the foreign secretary, and Sir Geoffrey Howe, the chancellor of exchequer, in her party as consistent with any meeting between heads of government of two member states of the European Community, but politicians in London and Belfast were unimpressed. The two men are her closest advisers in the cabinet and Carrington, who extricated Britain from Zimbabwe, is known to be eager to add Ireland to his list of battle honors.

The final communiqué was a model of diplomatic obscurity, providing both government heads with something to boast about. Mrs. Thatcher received Haughey's tacit support for her hard-line attitude to the hunger strike and North-South security cooperation, while the Irishman obtained a formal recognition that Dublin had an important role to play in any solution to the Northern Ireland problem. This was acknowledged in negotiations leading to the establishment of the short-lived power-sharing

executive in Ulster in 1974. But since then the so-called "Irish dimension" has been on ice, because of Protestant hostility. Now, without any prior consultation, Britain has agreed to joint studies at ministerial level, and Unionists are understandably worried.

While Mrs. Thatcher argues that she was dealing with Haughey as prime minister of the United Kingdom, including Northern Ireland, and is interested in institutional, not constitutional change, Haughey made no secret of his view that "everything is on the table." Both sides apparently are prepared to agree to disagree on this score, leaving Haughey free to claim a political victory that may help him win the election expected next year, despite economic disasters. Meanwhile the shock waves of the Dublin summit are still sweeping Ulster politics, and Catholic Nationalists are as pleased as Protestant Unionists are displeased. The plan for continued consultation between the two governments closely resembles the policy of the mainly Catholic Social Democratic and Labor Party — not surprising, as its leader, John Hume advises the Irish premier on northern affairs — and this has increased Protestant fears of a "sellout" by Britain. But Mrs. Thatcher, unlike previous prime ministers, may not be so easily intimidated by angry Protestant politicians, and all signs are that she is determined to open up the Irish question to wider discussion. Her difficulty will come if and when she attempts to impose any new institutional links between North and South, against Protestant opposition.

British governments have always insisted on democratic decisions on Ulster, requiring majority consent, and there is nothing to suggest that the Protestants are any better disposed toward links with the republic in the South.

This is where the best-laid plans of Dublin and London may eventually come to grief, but observers believe that in the meantime Britain will try to persuade northern Protestants that their best interests may lie in a closer relationship with the republic. Despite official denials, there is little doubt that most British politicians would be glad to be rid of the Ulster milstone currently costing \$2.5 billion in support grants, if they could seem an honorable way of doing so. Their problem is that they are faced with a two-third majority which desires closer integration, not cessation of hostilities, and has the capacity, through its own paramilitary forces, to wage a destructive civil war. In these circumstances the British cannot leave without being asked by both sides and leaving a relatively peaceful country behind.

The situation is complicated by the fact that both parts of Ireland are victims of the world recession and are even less capable of contemplating any change for the worse in their economic circumstances. Northern Ireland needs vast sums of British money to keep unemployment down to 16 per cent and the republic, without Britain's oil, has enough

Saudi Arabian Press Review

A majority of newspapers Tuesday led with a report on the rain-seeking prayer performed by King Khalid and Muslims of the Kingdom Monday. *Oka* used its headline story to cover the weekly meeting of the Council of Ministers, which was held Monday under the chairmanship of Crown Prince Fahd to review the current political situation. The celebrations held in Riyadh Monday on the 16th anniversary of the Palestinian revolution figured prominently in *Al-Jazeerah*'s lead story. Governor of Riyadh Prince Salman, who patronized the function, said that the Popular Committee for the Welfare of the families of Palestinian freedom-fighters and martyrs would be renamed as the Popular Committee for the assistance of Palestinian Freedom-Fighters, in view of the changed circumstances and in response to the wishes of the people of Saudi Arabia and Palestine. In a lead story, *Al-Riyadh* gave prominence to a message King Khalid has received from Sheikh Zayed ibn Sultan Al Nahyan, president of the United Arab Emirates.

Al-Jazeerah gave front-page coverage to British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington's remark that the European Middle East initiative does not aim to complement the idea of so-called autonomy for the Palestinian people. In a page one story, *Al-Yom* reported a wave of popular and official resentment gripping Egypt for its non-participation in the upcoming Islamic summit conference. Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal's shuttle to Kuwait with King Khalid's message to the Ruler of Kuwait found front-page coverage in *Oka*, while *Al-Medina* high-

lighted Kabul's reported agreement to negotiate with Pakistan and Iran for the solution of regional problems.

Newspaper editorials concentrated on the Palestinian revolution and its confrontation with the Zionist enemy. Some also discussed the Afghanistan crisis and the forthcoming Islamic summit conference in Mecca. *Oka* noted that the Palestinian revolution, with all the support it enjoys from Arab, Islamic and other countries of the world, bear major responsibilities toward the liberation of Palestine. As an entity, the Palestinian revolution expresses the will and determination of the people of Palestine to restore their legitimate rights to sovereignty, the paper said, adding that the realization of this aim would necessitate further positive action at political and military levels.

Discussing the situation in Afghanistan, *Al-Medina* expressed the conviction that restoration of peace in that Islamic country would remain a dream unless Soviet occupation forces withdraw unconditionally and give the people of Afghanistan the right to self-determination. The paper noted that the people of Afghanistan have already shown they are capable of rejecting Soviet occupation. It added that Afghans would continue to resist the invading forces and the treacherous elements in the country who allowed freedom of movement to Soviet forces and weaponry in Afghanistan.

"In an editorial on the Islamic summit, *Al-Yom* said it would provide an opportunity for Muslims to cast a

new glance at the future and the problems that have piled up before the Islamic world. The paper urged Muslim leaders to embark on a new course that would help them in tackling their problems and issues in a solid and effective manner.

The paper conceded it would not be difficult to find solutions provided everyone exerts honest efforts in the achievement of the desired goals. It described the conference as "historic" since it would consider all Islamic problems and would work to find their solutions. It would be considered the biggest Islamic congregation if it succeeds in adopting resolutions in conformity with the gravity of their problems, the paper added.

On the same subject, *Al-Jazeerah* noted that the idea of holy war would be taken into consideration in resolutions of the conference, which also would determine joint action to liberate Jerusalem and to restore the legitimate rights of Arabs and Muslims everywhere. The call for the holy war would include action at military, political, diplomatic, economic, cultural and propaganda levels and world public opinion would have to be moulded in favor of Arab and Islamic rights.

Al-Riyadh also gave prominence to the significance of the Islamic summit and expected outcome of its deliberations. The importance of the conference lies in the fact that a complete preparation has been made to find solution to all the issues now bedeviling the Arab and Islamic world. The paper referred to the efforts of the Arab Reconciliation Committee and said that it has made satisfactory progress in its goodwill mission.

problems of its own without taking on a northern neighbor. Ironically, membership in the Common Market has helped to drive Northern Ireland and the republic apart, since the Irish punt, once level with the pound sterling is now worth 20 per cent less.

Clearly there are no easy or early solutions to the

problem, however much the British and Irish governments may agree on the most desirable outcome. There is strong support in the British Foreign Office for a federal system within the island of Ireland, with two virtually autonomous states and only a few areas of common interest. Alternatively, others would like to see recognition of the special relationship between Britain and Ireland in an Anglo-Irish partnership, similar to the Franco-German alliance which has helped to bury old enmities. But if the governments continue on their present course — and Thatcher has moved a long way in 18 months — relationships between the two islands, and between North and South, must change. The Protestants have one guarantee, which they cling to: that they can maintain the British link so long as a majority want it. But they cannot stop the sovereign power changing the nature of the link and that is what Thatcher is embarked upon, in the hope that it might change Protestant attitude in the long term.

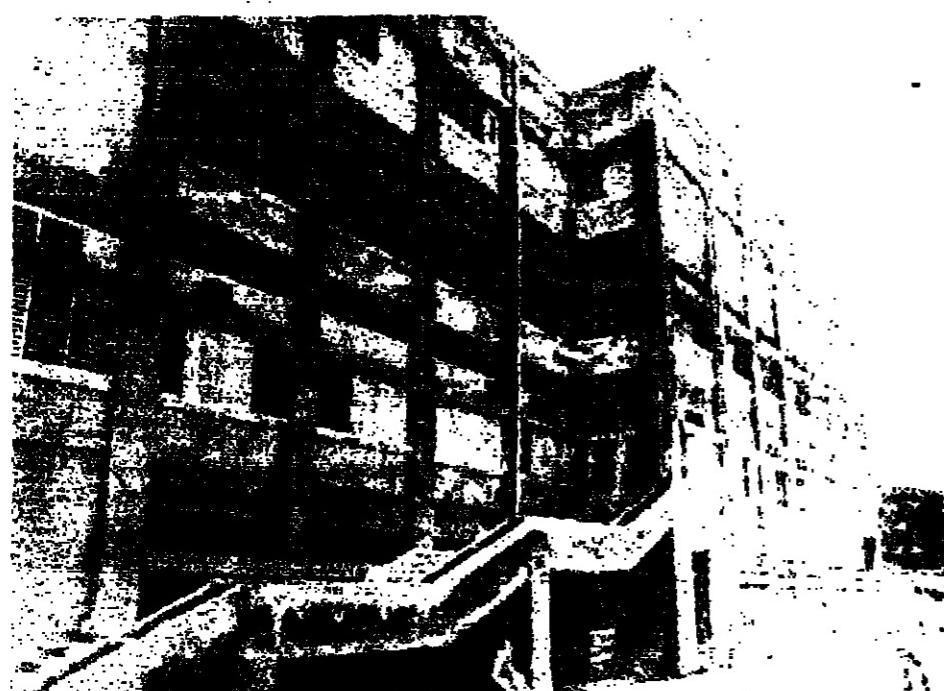
Meanwhile, the Provisional IRA, which has always proved itself capable of wrecking any British initiative in Northern Ireland, is at its lowest ebb, following the hunger strike. It remains to be seen if the prisoners will wear prison-issued civilian clothes, or do prison work, for the brief period demanded by the government, but the fact remains that the seven strikers gave in without being granted "political" status, making them different from other convicts. The H-Block Campaign, so named because of the plan of the prison blocks, failed to win the hearts and minds of the Catholic community, because it was linked to violence.

Northern Ireland is at another watershed in its 60-year history, from which it can either move slowly forward or slide rapidly downhill. The pessimists are almost always right, in such a deeply divided community, but much further ahead there is reason to hope that, as one author has put it, the situation may change sufficiently to make talk of solutions realistic. — (LAT)

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Islamic Solidarity Fund:

Real symbol of Muslim cooperation



MEDICAL AID: Facet of the western wing of the Islamic charitable society's hospital in Jerusalem, built with assistance from the ISF.

By Raana Siddiqi

JEDDAH — One of the principal institutions developed for ensuring the cultural, social and general solidarity of the Islamic world under the auspices of the Organization of the Islamic Conference is the Islamic Solidarity Fund. The ISF has been engaged in extending help and assistance to member states and Muslim communities the world over in their social, cultural and educational progress and for the propagation of the Dawah, since its establishment six years ago.

The Second Islamic Summit held in Lahore, Pakistan, in 1974 took a number of important decisions to give direction to the cultural, social and economic activities of the OIC. Thus the ISF was created to give practical shape to the concept of Islamic solidarity which is the very basis and main goal of the Islamic Conference.

Since its establishment, the fund has been engaged in financing diverse activities covering broad fields. It has emerged today as one of the major agencies to consolidate the rich cultural heritage of the Islamic countries, Muslim communities and Muslim minorities globally. It is also looked upon for support and sustenance by various Islamic associations, organizations and societies functioning in a number of countries across five continents.

The objectives of the ISF as defined at the

Labour Summit include Islamic unity affairs, Islamic issues, and rendering support to Islamic cultural values and educational institutions. The fund's activities are regulated by its articles of association which were agreed upon at the fifth Islamic foreign ministers conference held in Kuala Lumpur in July 1974.

The ISF is an autonomous body working in close cooperation with the General Secretariat of the OIC. Its headquarters is also located in the premises of the General Secretariat in Jeddah.

The activities of the fund are supervised by a permanent council elected every two years by the foreign ministers. Present members serving on the permanent council are Saudi Arabia, UAE, Kuwait, Libya, Iraq, Sudan, Tunisia, Mauritania, Djibouti, Comoro Islands, Pakistan, Turkey and Malaysia. The council elects a chairman and a vice chairman and meets periodically or at the urgent request of a member.

Because of its broad area of activity and the diverse responsibilities assigned to it, the ISF has set up a number of committees to deal with various requests for financial assistance and to follow up the progress of projects financed by it. The main committees are the emergency committee, the follow-up committee and the subsidiary committee.

The fund works in close cooperation with a number of Islamic associations and humanitarian and philanthropic agencies. It has developed a program of cooperation with several international organizations such as the ILO research center and UNESCO. It also invites observers and famous international personalities working in its field to its meetings.

The budget of the ISF is made up of contributions and donations from member states, organizations and individuals. The Kingdom has been one of the leading contributors to the fund and has served, like some other major donors, on all the permanent councils elected so far. The budget is utilized under several heads such as support to mosques, schools and hospitals; propagating Islamic Dawah and help Islamic centers; scientific research and Islamic universities; organizing symposiums and seminars, etc.

The fund is also contributing to finance the program drawn up by Muslim states to mark the advent of the 15th century Hijra.

In recent years, the ISF has given great importance to Palestine and assisted in efforts to combat the Judaization of Holy Jerusalem.

Other activities have involved prompt assistance both in cash and kind at times of calamities such as the earthquakes in Turkey and Algeria, drought in African countries and relief to the war-stricken people in Lebanon, Somalia, Chad and Palestine. It has also assisted Muslim minorities in times of crisis in the Philippines, Burma and Ethiopia. Its contribution to the Afghan refugees in Pakistan has also been generous.

The activities of the ISF in spreading the Dawah deserve merit as well. This program includes sending missionaries to Africa and Asia, teaching Arabic and granting scholarships, and rendering help to Islamic institutions of higher learning. The fund is financing the establishment of two Islamic universities in Niger and Uganda.

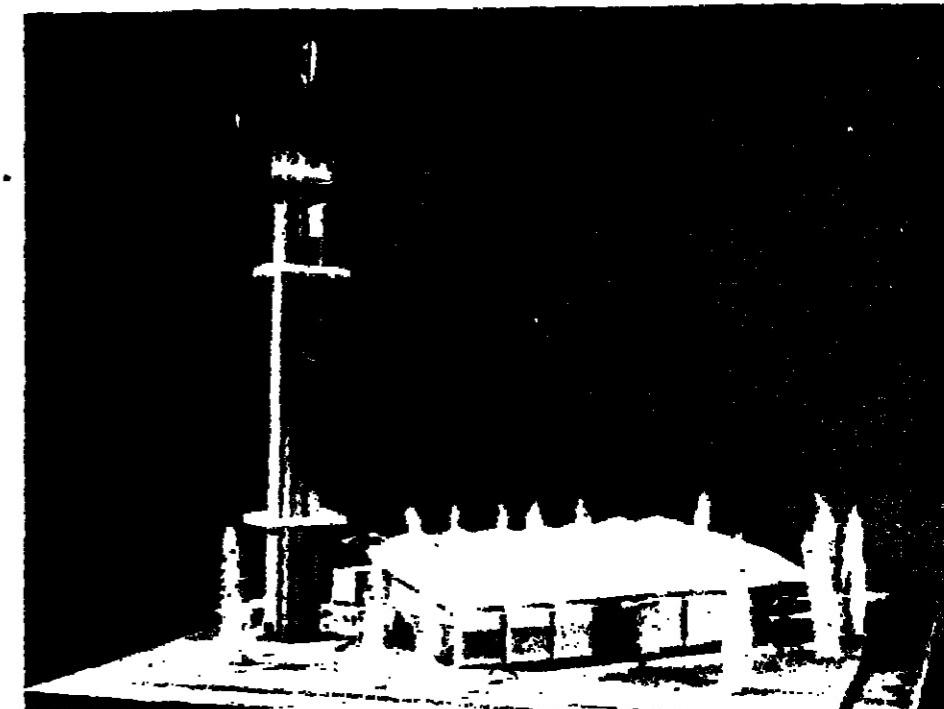
The establishment of an Islamic teachers college in Chicago, USA, is one of the major projects the ISF has on hand. This institution will be the first of its kind to be set up in North America. Besides, the ISF supporting in various forms some 30 Islamic centers, institutes and universities some of which are located in such diverse places as Yugoslavia and Korea.

Muslim youth guidance program, which is carried out in close cooperation of the Riyadh-based World Assembly of Muslim Youth (WAMY), is another area of attention. Under this program, the ISF has organized so far 10 youth camps in countries as far away as Latin America. Seminars on important social and educational subjects are also organized.

The fund has come to be recognized as one of the major achievements of the OIC and stands out as a real symbol of close cooperation both among the Islamic states and the Muslim communities. However, the fund's budget, currently estimated to be about \$20 million, is not regarded adequate to undertake all the tasks. To augment the fund's capital and ensure its adequate and regular finances, a major step was recently taken by establishing a Waqf for the ISF.

The Waqf fund will have a capital of \$100 million to be raised through donations from member states, individuals and Islamic associations. The Kingdom is understood to have already donated \$20 million and institutions such as the Islamic Development Bank are also expected to chip in.

In the years ahead, the Islamic Solidarity Fund can be expected to play an even greater role in Islamic activities and to aid in the overall development and progress of the Muslim people the world over.



MOSQUE at the University of Khartoum

Record auction price

\$5.2m for Da Vinci notes

By Leonard Downie Jr.

LONDON (WP) — American millionaire industrialist and art collector Armand Hammer recently bought the last privately owned handwritten notebook of Leonardo Da Vinci for \$5.2 million, a record auction price for a manuscript or book.

"There's no work of art in the world I wanted more than this," said Hammer, the 82-year-old chairman of Occidental Petroleum, who bid personally with raised finger from the front row of the crowded main auction room of Christies here. Hammer said he had been prepared to pay much more for the 470-year-old collection of handwritten and illustrated notes by Da Vinci on his scientific studies.

Hammer's winning bid was far less than expected by Christies or by the seller of the Da Vinci notebook, Viscount Coke, descendant of Thomas Coke, the first Earl of Leicestershire, who had bought the notebook while traveling in Italy in 1717. Coke sold the manuscript to raise money for death taxes on his family's estate, mansion and art treasures at Holkham Hall in Norfolk in eastern England.

The potential price for the Da Vinci manuscript, known as the Leicester Codex, had been widely inflated in advance speculation by the press here and in New York amid a continuing upward spiral in art values, intense competition among major auction houses for new records and worry among British art experts about losing the Da Vinci manuscript to a foreign buyer.

Christies itself would not give reporters an estimate of the manuscript's value. But the auction house did little to actively discourage price speculation, it could sell for \$10 million or even \$20 million.

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J.S. Democrats foil bid to cut spending

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (R) — A new S. Congress took office, but the Republicans trying to flex their political muscle lost their first battle on the economy.

Trying to back up President Ronald Reagan's pledges to cut government spending, the Republicans in the House of Representatives Monday sought to limit spending a maximum of 22.5 per cent of the gross national product in the next year.

Government spending now runs at 23 per cent of GNP — the total of the nation's goods and services. Reagan has vowed to slash the budget by two per cent in his fight against inflation.

But the Republicans lost in a 216-179 procedural vote in the House, where they gained number of seats in the Nov. election, but

where the Democrats still have a majority.

In the same vote, the Republicans also failed in a bid to increase their representation on the House's Ways and Means Committee that originates all tax legislation.

That is the panel that will have to deal with the tax cut expected to be the top priority of the Reagan administration.

Although the Democrats have a House majority of 243-192 — a ratio of about five to four — they control the Ways and Means Committee by a majority of 23-12.

This two-to-one ratio is about the same as in the last Congress before the Democrats lost more than 30 seats.

In the Senate, the elections turned a 59-41 Democratic majority into a 53-47 Republican majority.

FAD allocates \$911m in loans to help poorest 3rd world states

ROME, Jan. 6 (R) — The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) as allocated \$911 million in loans to help the poorest third world nations to grow more food, but has been able to hand out only \$44 million.

The Rome-based IFAD began operations three years ago with \$1 billion donated by Western industrialized countries and Japan and by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC). It is now starting a new three-year period with plans to lend further \$1.5 billion to help poor countries feed themselves.

But much of IFAD's money stubbornly remains in the bank. "Disbursements are low," an IFAD official admits. "But it is a ridiculous illusion to think that you can suddenly start an irrigation scheme."

As explained by IFAD officials, there is at times a delay of several months before loans already approved here are ratified by the recipient third world governments. "Then there has to be a counterpart budget allocation by the recipient, they have to appoint a project manager and take on a certain number of people," an IFAD official adds. Lenders have to go out for contracts if the cash is for irrigation or other construction work and the contracts have to be adjudicated and signed.

Contractors are often paid by the third world governments and their bureaucrats

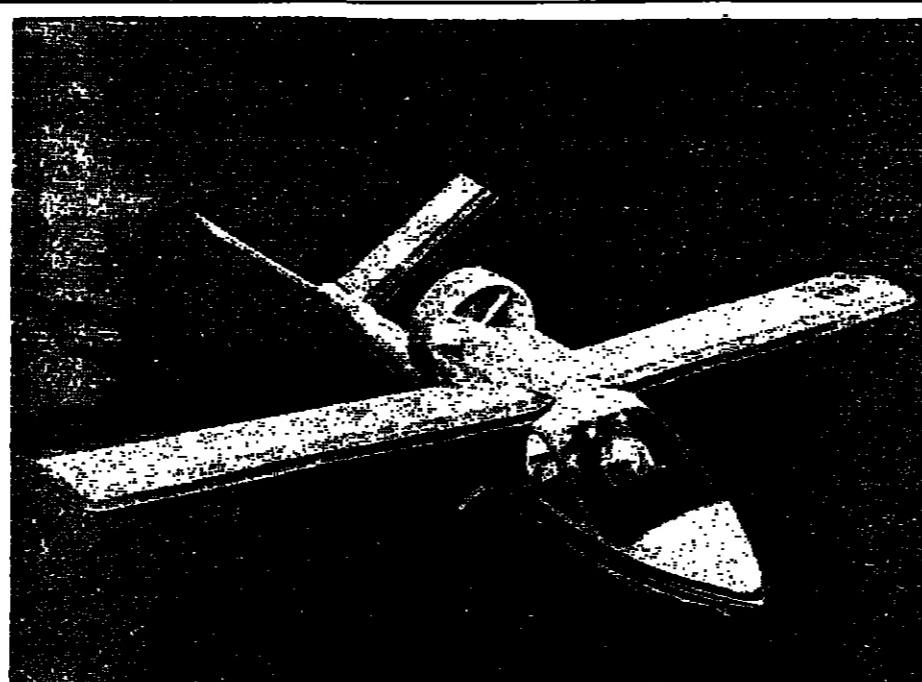
only ask for reimbursement from IFAD later, sometimes after a lapse of many months, the officials added. The entire process of putting a loan into action frequently takes several years.

Out of IFAD's 60 loans approved so far, 20 were authorized in late 1980 and of the remaining \$40 worth \$626 million 35 have started to become effective. IFAD says it is speeding up its procedures, but adds that its efficiency is comparable to that of other agencies or governments starting to give loans for third world agriculture.

IFAD is now entering 1981 hoping that its "replenishment" of funds will be settled by OPEC without any problems.

At an IFAD council meeting in December, agreement was reached that the fund should use an extra \$1.5 billion during 1981-83, but the industrialized and OPEC nations argued over the percentage each should pay.

The industrialized countries have always said that the split should be 50-50, but OPEC's contribution in the first 1977-80 period was 43 per cent while the industrialized countries paid 57 per cent. For the second three years, the industrialized countries insisted they would contribute only 51 per cent but OPEC balked at 49 per cent and seems likely to continue paying 43 per cent. OPEC countries are expected to discuss their contribution at a meeting in Vienna later this month.



THE SHAPE OF PLANES TO COME: This is a model of a new aircraft, the Brookfield RAI, which recently won a £2000 prize for its British designer in an international light aircraft design competition launched by the Royal Aeronautical Society in London and sponsored by a group of British aviation organizations. Powered by a Rolls Royce Continental engine driving a ducted fan, the Brookfield will be a spacious two or four seat high wing, vee-tailed tractor aeroplane with a tricycle undercarriage for the general light aviation market.

Wall Street

Stock market bounces ahead as 2 banks lower prime rate

NEW YORK, Jan. 6 (R) — The Wall Street stock market has bounced ahead as two leading banks lowered their prime interest rates to 20 per cent and money-supply figures showed a sharp decline.

Morgan Guaranty Trust, the fifth-largest U.S. bank, Monday reduced its prime rate to 20 per cent from 21.5 per cent, undercutting other major banks by half a percentage point.

The decline in the base rate on business loans from the record 21.5 per cent level began Dec. 23 with a cut to 20.5 per cent at Chase Manhattan and Wells Fargo Banks.

The cuts spread slowly among major lenders, mostly regional banks, by the end of the year.

Last Friday, most of the nation's 10 biggest banks cut their prime rates to 20.5 per cent from 21.5 per cent. The prime is the rates banks usually charge on loans to their most credit-worthy corporate customers.

Morgan Guaranty did not move until Monday, but announced an immediate reduction of 1.5 percentage points to 20 per cent. Manufacturers Bank of Los Angeles also went to 20 per cent from its former 20.5.

Wall Street moved higher with the Dow-Jones average gaining 12 points after new figures showed that U.S. money supply fell substantially in the latest week and disclosure Friday that there has been a decline in New York business loans.

Analysts said the figures gave hope that the Federal Reserve Board (central bank) will not need to tighten credit further to check money-supply growth in the short term. Loan demand from big corporations remained strong in much of December, in part because they often can afford to pay higher rates than smaller companies, at least for a time, analysts said.

45 rich, developing states accept Tokyo GATT accords

GENEVA, Jan. 6 (R) — Twenty-six industrial nations and 19 developing countries have accepted one or more of the international agreements worked out in the "Tokyo round" talks here to reduce non-tariff barriers to world trade. This was announced Monday by the secretariat of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), which sponsored the 90-nation talks originally launched in Tokyo.

The agreements covered customs valuation, government procurement, subsidies and countervailing duties, technical barriers to

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trade, import licensing, and anti-dumping measures. GATT said all the Tokyo round agreements on non-tariff trade barriers were now in force. A customs valuation code and an agreement increasing international competition for government contracts came into effect Jan. 1.

GATT added that the Tokyo round nations also made the second of the annual tariff cuts agreed in the negotiations. Yearly reductions are to continue for another six years to reduce industrial nations' import tariffs by an average of one-third on manufactured goods.

Drew forecast Monday that unemployment could reach 2.75 million by mid-1981 and rise to three million by the end of this year.

ALGIERS, (AFP) — Indian Oil will this year purchase 500,000 tons of crude from Algerian Sonatrach. The deal will go some way to filling the supply gap left by the Iran and Iraq war.

DETROIT (AFP) — American automobile output last month rose for the first time in 19 months, the five companies raising production by 3.7 per cent to 471,233 units. The figure gave a 1980 total of 6,376,774, well down on the previous 8,341,152.

WASHINGTON, (AFP) — The U.S. Export-Import Bank Monday extended big loans to Japan and Sweden. All Nippon Airways Company Limited was granted a \$92,000,000 loan to finance the purchase of four Boeing valued at \$230 million. Another loan of \$11,300,000 went to the Svenska Värby to buy American equipment for three offshore jack-up drilling rigs, to be built by the Swedish governmental company.

NEW DELHI, (AFP) — Deposits of tungsten ore have been discovered at Sirohi in Rajasthan, and as a result India could become one of the world's top producers of tungsten, the Press Trust of India reported Monday.

LONDON, (AFP) — The treasury department is re-examining the scope for a special tax on "super profit" made by Britain's banks, The Financial Times reported Monday.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:00 P.M. Tuesday			
	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahrain Dinar	—	8.60	8.86
Canadian Franc (1,000)	106.00	—	—
Canadian Dollar	2.80	—	—
Deutsche Mark (100)	171.00	173.50	173.50
Dutch Guilder (100)	157.00	—	157.20
Egyptian Pound	—	4.40	4.45
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	91.00	90.85
French Franc (100)	74.00	75.00	75.00
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	72.25	73.90
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	42.45
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	8.25	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	36.00	36.70	36.54
Japanese Yen (1,000)	16.70	—	16.90
Jordanian Dinar	—	10.92	10.90
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.33	12.33
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	91.75	91.50
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	82.00	79.15
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	33.70
Philippine Peso (100)	—	—	44.50
Pound Sterling	8.01	8.12	8.12
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	91.80	91.70
Singapore Dollar	—	—	1.56
Spanish Peso (1,000)	—	42.20	42.20
Swiss Franc (100)	189.00	191.45	191.45
Syrian Lira (100)	—	77.00	85.50
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	36.00	—
U.S. Dollar	3.33	3.335	3.34
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	73.25	73.05
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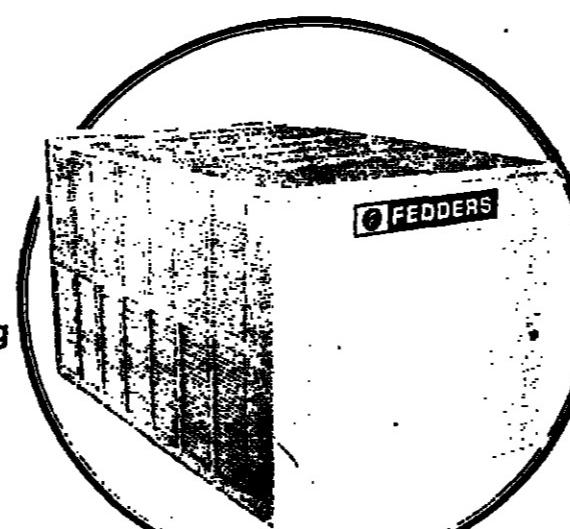
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Moi, Obote agree on economic links

AIROBI, Jan. 6 (AP) — Kenya and Uganda, one time economic partners whose relationship was strained when former dictator Amin took power in Uganda, have agreed commercial and political cooperation.

Kenyan President Daniel Arap Moi and Obote, elected Ugandan president a month ago, conferred for two hours Monday in Vebuye, a Kenyan town near the Ugandan border. A joint statement said they agreed to end Uganda's exports through Kenya to Indian Ocean, to curtail cattle rustling and smuggling and to reschedule debts and taxes to Kenya.

Obote, ousted by Amin in 1971, promised to repair relations with Kenya after he was restored to office. Uganda depends on Kenya for shipment of 95 per cent of its imports and exports.

Obote said Monday \$1.7 million of a \$2.7 million Kenyan grant to Uganda would be used to buy goods in Kenya.

Latest survey shows

Giscard to lose election

PARIS, Jan. 6 (R) — Valery Giscard d'Estaing's campaign theme that Giscard d'Estaing's autocratic behavior and the concentration of power in his hands made him virtually an uncrowned king was taken up by newspapers across the political spectrum. In early December came the government's first shock when the president's supporters failed to win a single seat in seven parliamentary by-elections.

It was the first time in the run-up to the o-round elections, on April 26 and May 1, that Giscard d'Estaing has trailed in the polls. Opposition politicians and commentators greeted the news cautiously. Just two months ago, the president held an imposing one-point lead over Mitterrand, his most likely opponent in the second-round vote, and all the signs were that he was heading for easy re-election.

But then the political climate suddenly

Blindings in India

Court orders quick probe

NEW DELHI, Jan. 6 (R) — India's Supreme Court has directed the government of the northern state of Bihar to speed up investigations against police alleged to have deliberately blinded 31 prisoners awaiting trial. The court acting on a petition by some of the blinded men, gave the Bihar government Monday two weeks to submit all records relating to the affair, and to detail measures being taken to rehabilitate the blinded men.

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi last month

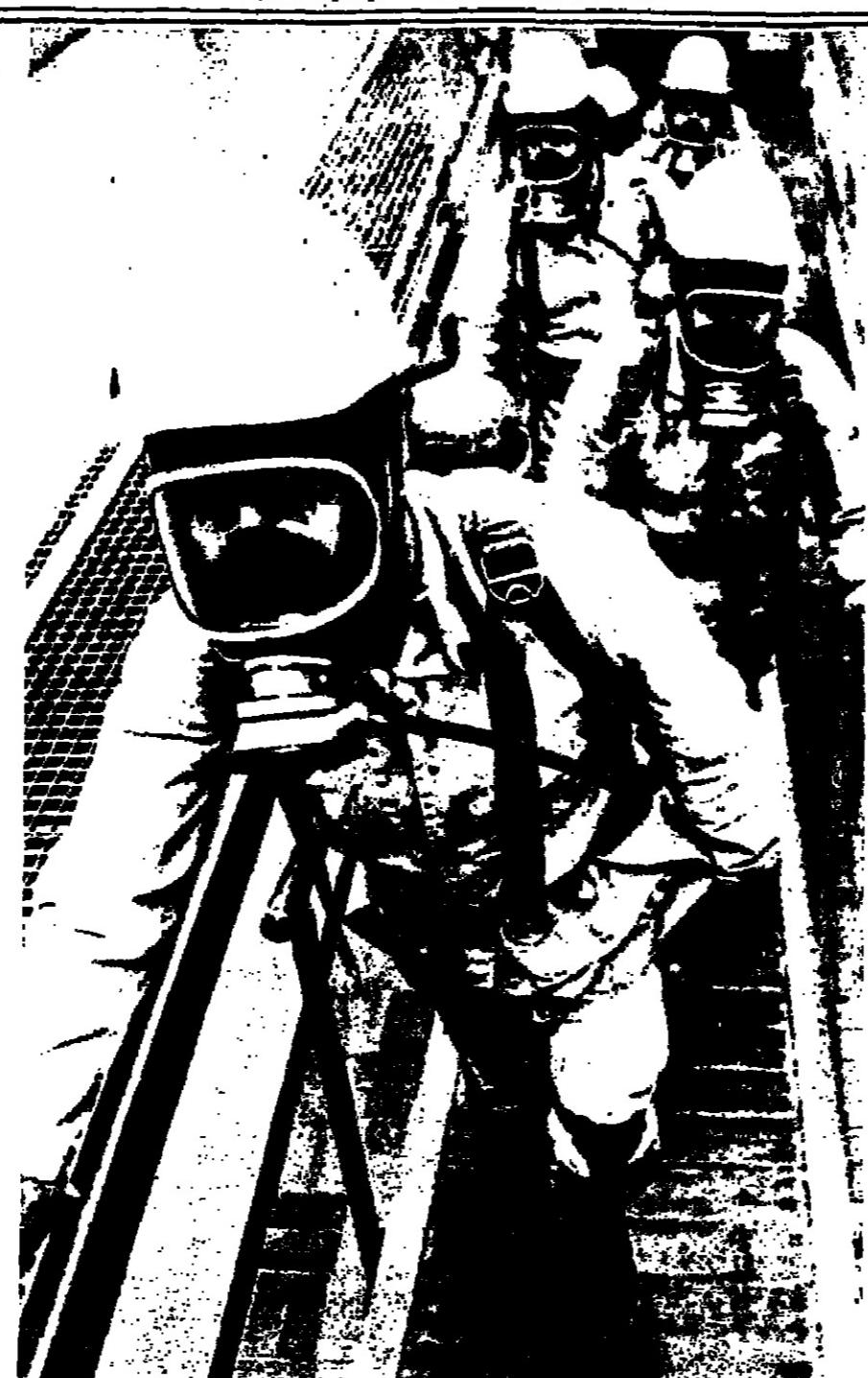
PANA to rectify news

PARIS, Jan. 6 (R) — The new Pan African news Agency will have the task of correcting erroneous reports about Africa transmitted by the international news media, PANA managing director Cheikh Ousmane Diallo said in an interview published Monday.

Diallo told the Paris-based African *Le Continent* that by means of PANA, Africa should help to reduce imbalance of information flows between the developed and the developing countries. PANA will have the power to rectify erroneous reports about Africa by the multinational news agencies which have a total monopoly on the gathering, selecting, editing and transmitting of news concerning our continent," he said.

'Hand of Faith' gold nugget sale blocked

MELBOURNE, Jan. 6 (AP) — The Australian government has blocked the sale of the 27.2 kg. "Hand of Faith" gold nugget to a Las Vegas casino. Contracts had been drawn up for the sale of the nugget, the largest discovered in the state of Victoria for more than 70 years, to the gold nugget casino.



TESTING GAS MASKS: A team of German scientists are busy performing tests involving the development of protective masks against toxic gases. These volunteer scientists undergo tough in-action tests. The tests are considered of great importance due to the increased dangers of poisonous gas.

Italian judge

Leftists' terms rejected

ROME, Jan. 6 (AP) — The government has rejected the demands for media access made by the Red Brigades terrorists who have threatened to kill a kidnapped judge. A message from the leftist gang Sunday said the "death sentence" passed on Judge Giovanni D'urso could be suspended if the government allowed the uncensored broadcast and publication of the "political views" of inmates held at two maximum-security prisons.

Meanwhile, police arrested 44 blind people here for holding demonstration against Mrs. Gandhi. They were arrested outside the venue of the inaugural function of the International Year of Disabled Persons, which formally began in India Monday. A police spokesman said the arrests were made as there was fear of a breach of the peace.

by the Brigades. Interior Minister Virginio Rognoni presided over a police summit meeting in Rome to direct operations in the hunt for D'urso, who was grabbed by the Brigades in Rome Dec. 12.

A special police assault team had put down a rebellion led by suspected terrorists at Trani, on the Adriatic coast, Dec. 29. Renato Curcio, one of the founders of the Brigades, is believed held at Palma in southern Calabria. In a statement, the Milan-based moderate daily *Corriere Della Sera* said it has decided "complete press silence on the demands of the terrorist-kidnappers of D'urso."

Earlier, leaders of major political parties have urged the government to take a firm line and reject the demands of the Red Brigades. Flaminio Piccoli, secretary of Premier Arnaldo Forlani's Christian Democrat Party, termed the demands "unacceptable blackmail" and said those held in jails were criminals, "not political combatants," as described

Mrs. Thatcher drops six aides

John Nott appointed new U.K. defense minister

LONDON, Jan. 6 (AP) — In the first cabinet reshuffle of her 20-month-old government, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has changed her Defense Minister and dropped six other ministers. Defense Minister Francis Pym, who had bitterly opposed economy cuts in the armed services, was Monday made leader of the House of Commons in place of Norman St. John-Stevens.

Pym retained his cabinet rank and also took responsibility for government information services from Angus Maude, who was ousted from the government but given a knighthood in compensation. Maude was much criticized for not projecting a favorable image of government policies. John Nott, a strong supporter of Mrs. Thatcher's hardline monetary policies, was promoted to defense minister. Nott had been trade secretary.

Also dropped was Social Security Minister Reginald Prentice, who quit the opposition Labor Party for the Conservatives in protest at what he called leftist infiltration. Prentice was said by officials to be suffering from high blood pressure. The three non-cabinet ministers dropped were Employment Undersecretary James Lester, Environment Undersecretary Marcus Fox and junior Defense Minister Lord Stratheona. The full list of changes totaled 18.

A spokesman for the premier's office said the reshuffle indicated no change in the government's economic and industrial policy. Mrs. Thatcher has raised interest rates on bank lending and slashed public spending to reduce inflation from more than 22 per cent to just over 15 per cent. Her policies are blamed for lifting unemployment to nearly 2.1 million from 1.3 million when she came to power.

Times bids under study

TORONTO, Jan. 6 (R) — Newspaper magnate Lord Thomson said a decision will probably be made this month about the *Times of London* group's future owners. Another London newspaper the *Observer*, said Sunday that six firm bids were submitted before the Dec. 31 deadline for potential purchasers held by Canadian-owned Thomson British holdings, owners of *Times* newspaper.

Lord Thomson said in an interview that his company's representatives in London had been checking out expressions of interest in the publications, "just making sure the bids are legitimate."

Campaign against Mao cult gathers momentum

PEKING, Jan. 6 (R) — China's campaign against the cult of Mao Tse-tung has gathered strength with an official disclosure that his selected works were repeatedly edited to make him appear superman. The disclosure was made in the *Wenhuai Bao*, an official newspaper in Shanghai, the base of China's Maoist radicals until the Communist Party chairman died four years ago.

The paper contrasted his five-volume selected works with the newly-published first volume of the selected works of Chou En-lai, China's revered premier who also died in 1976. It said Chou's works had been collected and reprinted, where the original texts had survived, in their original forms. Arbitrary additions were being made repeatedly to Mao's works to inflate his image. "This was an important way of building up the personality cult," the paper said in an weekend edition.

It was a way of dressing up Mao to make him appear wiser than other people as if he did not have to base his perceptions on practice, as if he had understood everything about the Chinese revolution from the word go ... as

U.S. sends marines

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (AFP) — The United States would send a battalion of 1,800 marines to the Indian Ocean to replace a similar unit which left the area last Dec. 7, the Defense Department announced Monday. The battalion is being transported aboard three amphibious transport ships.

Microbes producing liquid fuel are found

TORONTO, Jan. 6 (R) — University of Toronto scientists have said that they found several microbes which produce an oil-like substance which can be used as a liquid fuel. The bacteria, which use sunlight and carbon dioxide from the air as a fuel source, have several advantages over alcohol as a fuel supplement, and may be the ideal fuel source for spacecraft.

One of the bacteria is found in soil around gas wells where there is apparently some seepage. Another is a hybrid developed at Hull University in England. The scientists said Monday that bacteria-produced oil, which does not use arable land needed for food production, avoided some of the problems associated with alcohol and gasoline.

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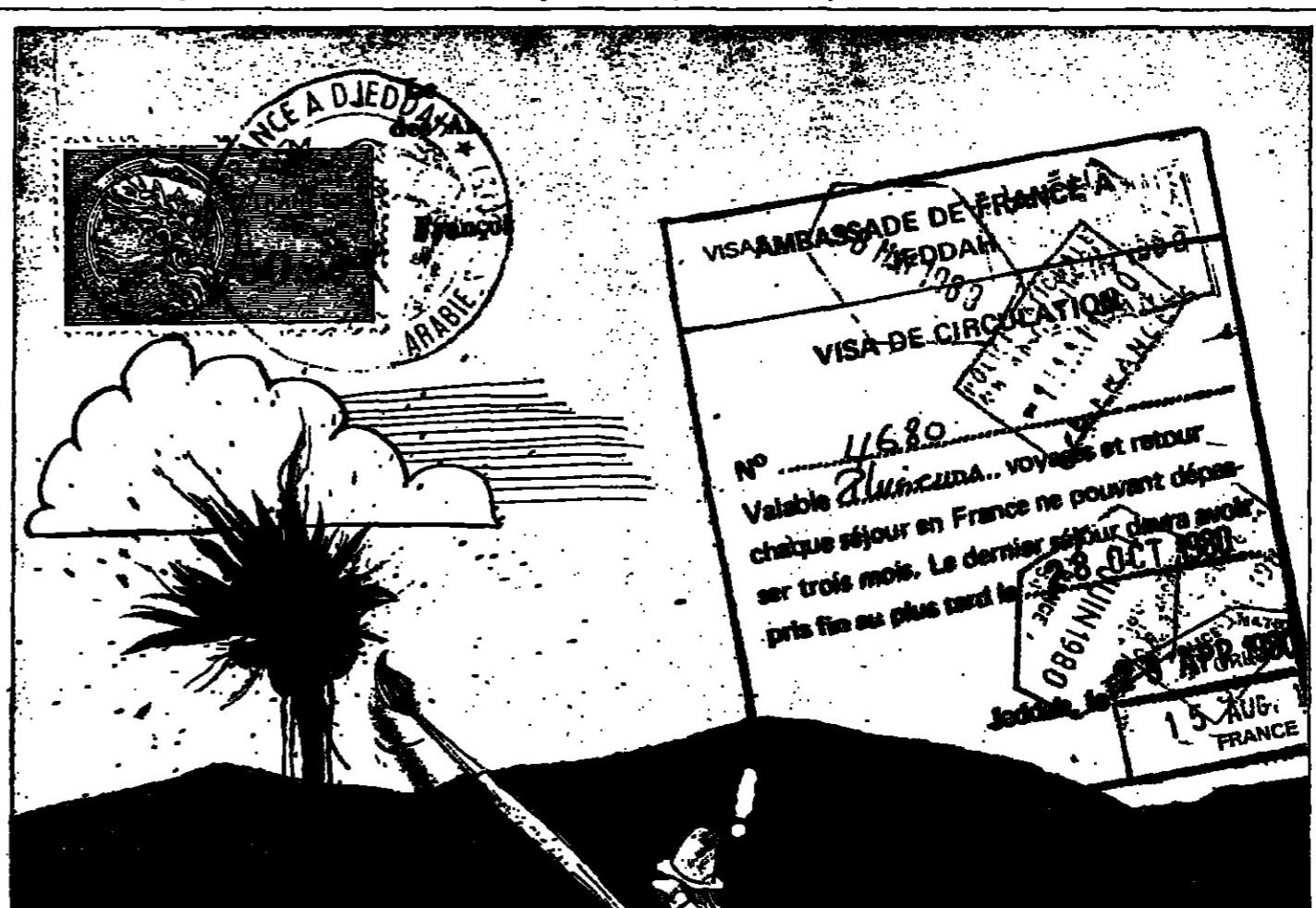
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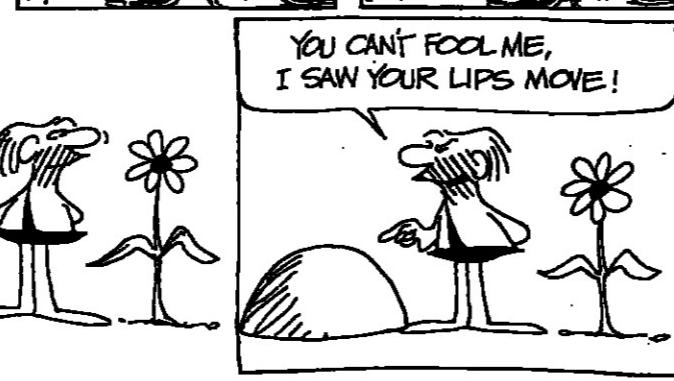
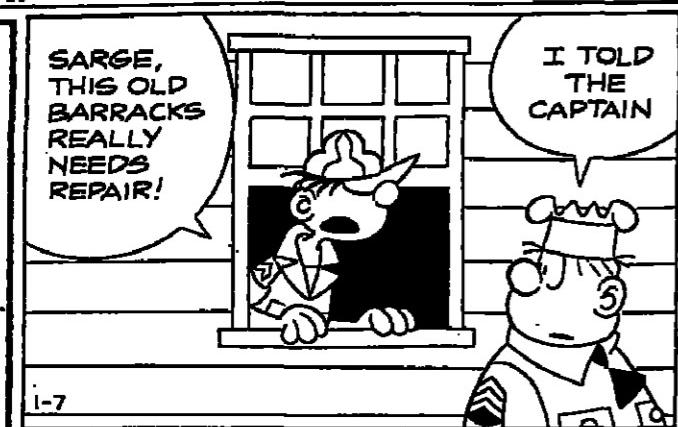
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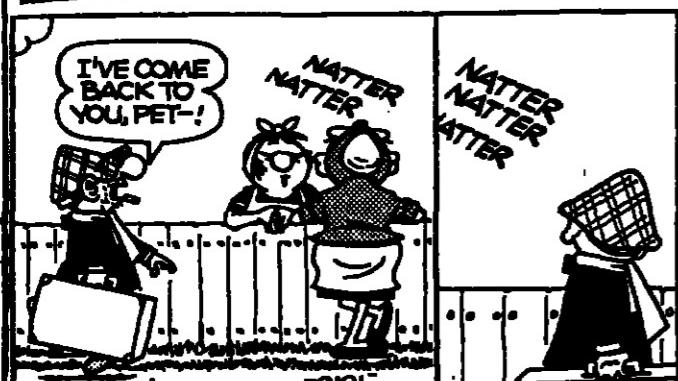
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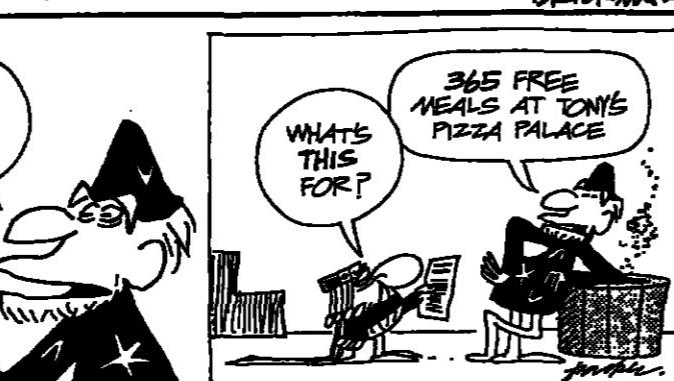
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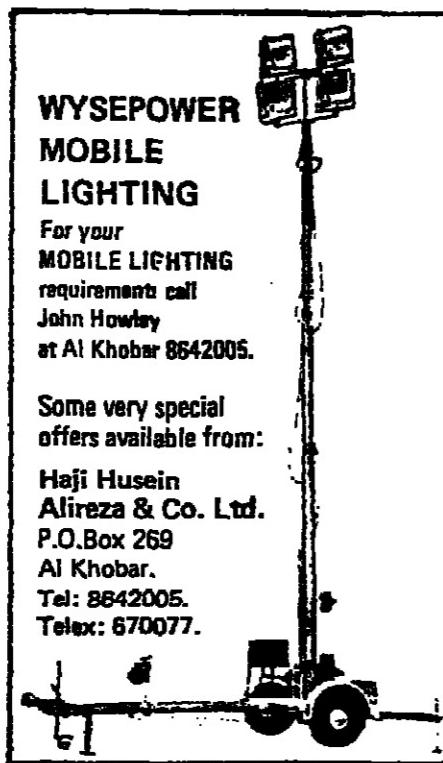
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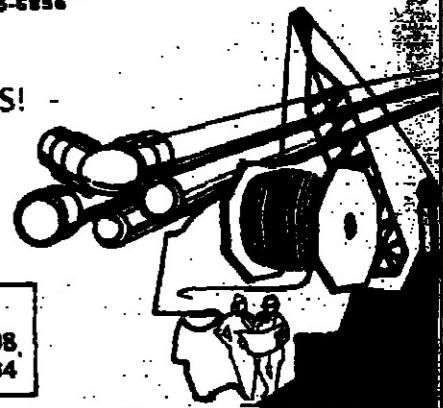
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U.S. envoy's call

Retain sanctions against Moscow

MOSCOW, Jan. 6 (AP) — Thomas J. Watson Jr., outgoing United States ambassador to the Soviet Union, has said that America should maintain its trade sanctions against Moscow until the Kremlin takes steps toward withdrawing its forces from Afghanistan. In an interview with the Associated Press Monday, Watson also said attempts to negotiate

major changes in the U.S.-Soviet SALT II treaty would be time consuming and would "just put ourselves and the world in more jeopardy than we are today."

Watson, a Carter administration appointee who will leave his post this month, said it is too early to lift the partial embargo on sales of grain and high technology to the Soviet Union. The embargo was part of President Carter's response to Moscow's intervention in Afghanistan in Dec. 1979. Some 85,000 Soviet troops remain in the central Asian nation.

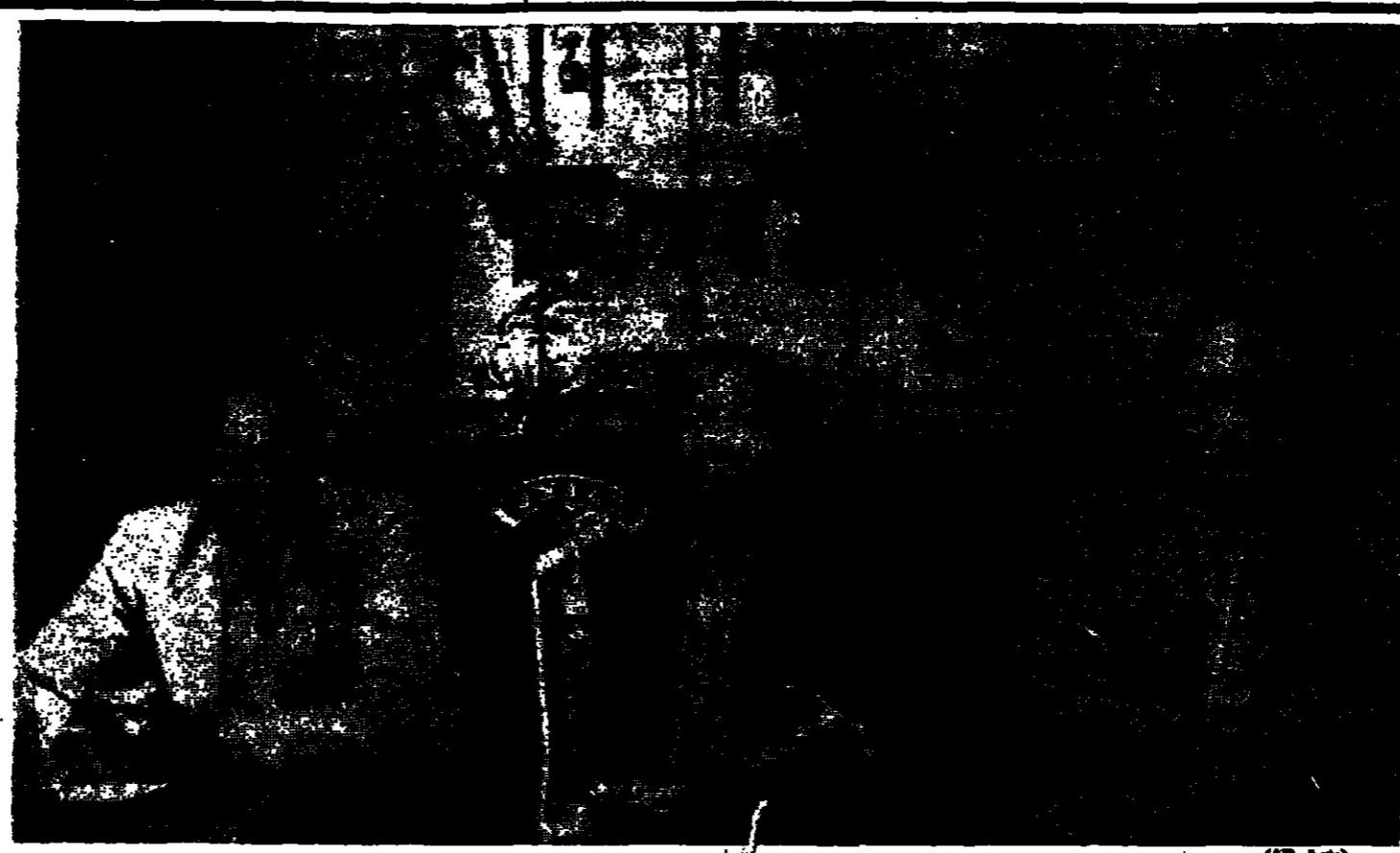
"Until the Soviets demonstrate some willingness to behave as the international community indicated it thought they should behave... I believe we should stay where we are with the actions we took," he said. President-elect Ronald Reagan has criticized the grain embargo as harmful to American farmers and said Friday that he would give a "great deal of study" to ending it. Watson, 66, said he would prefer that an end to sanctions be linked with a "political settlement in Afghanistan" that included the withdrawal of Soviet forces.

"I don't want you to think that I think the trade thing has been completely effective," Watson said, noting that American allies have picked up some business that the U.S. let drop. "But I still think that what we've done was right." Watson, who served before his appointment to Moscow as chairman of a presidential committee on disarmament, said "he thought Reagan could win 'modest changes' from the Soviets on SALT II."

"On the other hand, if we're really going to try to go back and renegotiate it, or get it folded into SALT III or something like that, I predict that this will take a long time and that if we try to do it — with major changes or a new treaty — we will just put ourselves and the world in more jeopardy than we are in today," he said.

He predicted American demands for changes would prompt Soviet counter-demands. Scrapping the treaty, he said, could spark a new arms race. Watson said he thought it would be impossible to win a thermonuclear arms race with the Soviet Union and characterized such a race as "pointless."

He said the Soviet Union "can reduce the standard of living here substantially" to finance an arms race. "These are a very obedient people," he said.



NAMIBIA TALKS: The Turnhalle Party delegates, who are in Geneva to attend the U.N. conference on Namibia, address the first press conference Monday. Picture shows: (left to right) Dr. Issureat, chief delegate, F. Kozonqzzi and Poot Heimst.

Namibian issue

Waldheim to open Geneva talks today

GENEVA, Jan. 6 (R) — U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim was due to arrive Tuesday for a multi-party conference which, if successful, could bring independence to Namibia (South-West Africa) by the end of the year.

But failure would almost certainly result in escalation of 14-year-old bush war between South African-led forces and the Marxist-oriented black nationalist guerrilla movement, the South-West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO).

Spokesmen for SWAPO and the ruling internal Democratic Turnhalle Alliance (DTA) have said they want a constructive meeting leading to the implementation of a U.N.-backed plan for a ceasefire, elections seven months later under U.N. supervision and independence for the former German colony.

But the multi-racial DTA, which won elec-

tions in the territory just over two years ago which were not recognized internationally, has strong doubts about U.N. impartiality. Its delegates have demanded equal status with SWAPO and all other parties here and in all future negotiations.

SWAPO spokesman Theo-Ben Gurirab, who represents the organization's observer group at the U.N., said Monday its sincerity and determination in seeking an early settlement was demonstrated by SWAPO chief Sam Nujoma heading its 25-man team.

He did not appear to attach crucial importance to the seating arrangements, but said the conference could help to clarify two aspects — a ceasefire date and the timing for replacement of the 7,500-strong U.N. force which would supervise the peace plan.

Gurirab sprung a surprise by saying SWAPO had asked Waldheim to use his influence to secure the release of SWAPO leaders detained by South Africa, including Toivo Ja Toivo, so that they could attend the Geneva talks.

But observers believed this was more of a move to embarrass the South Africans than a last-minute condition.

However, the seating arrangements and the absence so far of any set agenda could bring tough procedural wrangling as soon as Waldheim finally opens the conference Wednesday.

Meanwhile, a representative of the Namibian internal parties, Farvev Kozonqzzi, told reporters they sought a status at the talks equal to that of SWAPO.

Italy would provide \$50 million as aid over five years, a \$15-million credit for a joint industrial project and four million dollars a year for technical, scientific and cultural cooperation.

The United Nations has recognized SWAPO as the "sole and authentic representative" of the people of Namibia. SWAPO considers the Turnhalle Alliance as "puppets" of South Africa, but reluctantly agreed to what the U.N. officially terms a "multi-party" pre-implementation meeting."

Talks with Jagielski spirited, says Walesa

WARSAW, Jan. 6 (AP) — Independent Polish labor leader Lech Walesa held a surprise meeting Monday with Deputy Premier Mieczyslaw Jagielski on unresolved disputes and afterwards termed the talks "spirited."

Asked whether any issues were resolved during the four-hour session at the council of ministers building, Walesa said: "It depends on how you look at it." Walesa refused to answer further questions.

Union sources said issues under discussion included such unresolved matters as free Saturdays, collective bargaining procedures, alleged harassment of members in the pro-

vinces and access to media.

Walesa's union, known as Solidarity, has asked the government to reach agreement on the issues by Jan. 15.

Meanwhile, Polish newspapers sharply criticized remarks by Solidarity leaders and warned that the Polish army is concerned over continued social unrest in parts of the country.

Through *Zolnierz Wolnosci*, the Polish army newspaper, the army has from time to time spoken against what it considers excesses in the name of liberalization and reform sweeping Poland since the summer strikes. The army daily blasted Solidarity deputy leader Andrzej Gwiazda for what it termed "anti-worker and anti-socialist" remarks made to the West German newspaper, *Bild Zeitung*, in December. It said Gwiazda told the German that democracy would prevail in Poland only when a multi-party system was introduced.

"Such statements as those made by Gwiazda can come only from one who does not understand Poland's historical experiences and who does not comprehend the current transformations," the newspaper said.

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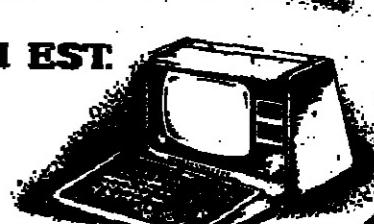
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Iranian leader rejects fresh U.S. proposals

American hostages would be freed before President-elect Ronald Reagan takes office Jan. 20.

He said a resolution of the 14-month-old hostage crisis "depends on America's policy" on what kind of policy it will have during Reagan's tenure in office.

Ayat, a member of the Iranian parliament, said it is up to the U.S. officials "to make us trust them and be confident."

Ayat is not a member of the Iranian commission which is discussing the U.S. proposals with Algerian mediators. When asked if he had seen the American document or was fully aware of its contents, he did not answer directly. Instead he replied, "I have not studied it in detail."

However, Ayat said the latest U.S. proposals which were brought to Iran Friday by Algerian mediators and were being studied by members of Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Rajai's government, "were unacceptable and did not satisfy us, because they do not give enough guarantee to what we want."

The main stumbling block in the discussions is thought to be Iran's demand that the United States deposit \$24 billion in the Algerian Central Bank — an amount designed to cover Iranian assets frozen in the United States following the seizure of the hostages, plus any other assets which the Iranians claim may turn up at some future date.

About our relations with Western Europe and NATO he said the government attaches great importance to its membership in the European Council and its cooperation with the Council. "It is our most natural right to expect from our friends, and particularly from the statesmen, of the European Council member countries to evaluate the situation of Turkey realistically, in the light of the particularities of the geographic area she lies in, and the events she has gone through in recent years," he said.

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